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The Conference met at New Bedford Fourth day evening 4th Mo 1st 1886. The meeting was opened by the Chairman Geo Howland for reading the 55th Chapter of Isaiah. Prayer was offered by Ruth Murray. The record of the last Conference was read and also the Reports from our several Schools. Remarks were made by several Friends Emmeline H. Tuttle a missionary lately returned from Jamaica, was introduced. She urged for all a full consecration to the work if we wished to succeed. As she went forth among the children her heart would fall upon the Holy Spirit to help her teach one truth that they could understand and keep. Gideon Wood thought that greater effort was needed to induce the Converts to join the Society. Wm H. Beard gave an interesting account of what one man could do by faithfulness among the miners at the Black Hills. Conference then adjourned and we believe that every one of God's children felt that "There is a work for me and a work for you, something for each of us now to do." George L. Wood and Elizabeth L. Baker were appointed Chairman and Secretary for the ensuing year. Adjourned to meet at Falmouth in the 5th Mo if the Lord permit.

Adelaide V. Wilbur
Secretary.

The Conference met at Falmouth 7th Mo 7th 1886.
After reading the 90th Psalm. the reports from
the different schools were read. these were
found to be of an encouraging spirit.
Remarks were made by Several Friends.
Elizabeth Larkin felt interested in the reports
and the work among our Bible Schools. She
wants to be at work wherever she is. She
reaches children everywhere in country villages
as well as in the ~~country~~ city. The Lords professing
people not as energetic as they ought to be to
fight against Satan. If the parents were all
Christians we wouldn't need First Day Schools
but they are not. so we need Bible Schools
every where. We all need to be stirred to the work.
The Bible the most beautiful book in the world.
children will turn away from pernicious literature
if a Bible teacher has done her work
faithfully. We all need the united study of
the Bible if we will all do our best wherever
we are the Lord will bless our efforts.
Susan Thompson was interested in the ~~subject~~
of united study of the Bible, she thought all would
find comfort in talking over the truths as well
as an advantage to their souls. Mary E. Gifford
said that to "search the Scriptures" was one
of our Lords commands, and if we can
interest the children we will be carrying
out our Lords injunction "occupy till I come"
we may use the talent that He has given us.
The Temperance question Mary C. Bayliss
thought was an important one and one
that could be taught in our First-Day-School.
H. M. Thompson spoke of the need of having
the teachers well drilled. for the positions
are responsible ones. We have now great
minds this the paper to us. the benefits of their
study so that the teachers as well as all
Bible workers have greater facilities than
ever before. The reports from Acushnet
School and from Howland Chapel were
commented upon, the former until recently

has been small, but good work has been done and the results are beginning to show, the latter altho the attendance has been decreasing of late still many of the scholars may be found in the ranks of the Salvation Army and the officers of the school are looking forward to a larger membership and better work in the future. After a few minutes of silent prayer the Conference adjourned to meet at Sandwich in 10th Mo. next if the Lord permit.

Elizabeth L. Tabor
Secretary.

The Conference met at Sandwich 10th Mo 7th 1886. As the Secretary was absent Sarah H. Tabor was appointed to fill her place. The meeting was opened by reading from the 5th Chapter of Romans, after which the reports from the various schools under the care of the Conference were heard. These reports all indicated a great deal of interest on the part of both teachers and scholars. According to the statistics handed in at this time we have 544 members belonging to the Bible Schools in this Conference with an average attendance in these schools of 400 members every First Day.

Several representatives from the different Bible Schools now gave some accounts of how the work was progressing in their midst. The children in Apponegansett school voted not to have a vacation during the summer months and had attended regularly, this greatly due to the zeal of the Superintendent and teachers. Falmouth First Day School opened shortly after the Conference was held there in 4th Mo. and reports an increasing interest in the school. Mattapoisett School reported good work done by its Temperance Band. Augustine Jones spoke of the work done in our Bible Schools as the most important part of educational work, we want to wake up intellect and heart. The teacher needs to study most those things he thinks he already

knows in order to arouse the enthusiasm of the class. It is not the fact of sliding over truths it is the fact of absorbing them that is important. Benjamin Knowles said that "we must enter into the Spirit of the Master and make the pupils feel that the promises are for them personally. The heart and mind of the teacher must be interested in these things outside of the Class room.
Charlotte Holmes spoke of the fact that large classes cannot be instructed as thoroughly as smaller ones. Ruth S Murray gave us some thoughts as to the advantages of teachers meeting, The help of united study of the Bible is very great.
After a few moments of silence the Conference adjourned to meet at New Bedford next 12th Month if the Lord permit.

Sarah H. Taber
Secretary pro tem.

The Conference met at New Bedford 12th Mo 5th. The meeting was opened by reading the 5th Chapter of John, the reports from the different schools were then heard, we feel encouraged to see the progress that has been made during the last Quarter. The school that was started at Falmouth we are glad to hear is doing good work. Notice was taken of the large average of attendance at the Apponeganset school and the interest that was taken by the scholars.
The memorizing of Scriptures by the scholars at Howland Chapel was commended upon and of the good practice it was for the scholars to learn while young the words of the Bible. Eli Jones spoke of the help he had received by ~~Studying~~ the Bible when a child, that remained in his mind, but portions committed in later years could not be repeated so well. Charles Goddard Chairman of Bible Schools Comittee recommended no papers and no outside helps, but if they must be

need, let the teacher learn his lesson thoroughly before he comes before his class. The teacher must bear in mind that she has immortal souls before him and that he is working for God and our best efforts should be given to Him.

How to keep the scholars quiet and interested was the question before the Conference and was ably answered by Robert B. Baker.

He spoke of the wealth of illustrations there were around us, there are natural objects lessons everywhere; sermons in stones if we only look to see the beauties God has placed there. We should try to combine the words of God with the works of God. In the Botanical world there are scores of illustrations. Show how the lily comes out pure and white from the black earth; the use of the pitcher plant, the children will soon find out for themselves how beautifully God has made all these things. Chemistry is the silent lesson of obedience. We find in the 1st. Chapter of John that God "taketh away the sin of the world". Sin stains the conscience and we are told that "though our sins be as scarlet they shall be made as white as snow". Chemicals were shown us which illustrated the lesson that a red fluid denoting sin could be changed by another chemical making the red pure and white. Thanks were given Robert B. Baker for his practical suggestions.

Instead of feeling discouraged that our work does not progress as rapidly as we should wish, the lesson that Sandwich Quarterly Conference must learn is not to look back on failures, but to press on to doing better work: for as a celebrated statesman has said, "our Sunday Schools are going to be the salvation of our country". The Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford next 4th Month (if the Lord permit).

Elizabeth L. Baker
Secretary.

The Conference met at New Bedford 4th mo 6th 1887, After reading the 90th Psalm an essay was read by Ruth S. Murray on the subject "Why should we study the Bible". This question was ably handled and showed how through all the many generations the Word of God has been a comfort, an anchor in time of trial and temptation and a never failing safeguard. It was a temporal aid as well as a spiritual help as many could testify. The Conference thanked Ruth S. Murray for so clearly and concisely bringing these truths before them. The reports from the Schools in the Conference were then heard and notwithstanding that the Winter months have been unpleasant the report of the attendance in the different schools was very good and showed that both teacher and scholar had been faithful in well doing. New Bedford Bible School and Howland Chapel showed a larger average than ever before. Several questions were discussed, among them being a query from Long Plain School asking whether or no a Convention of the schools (including other societies) could be held at Friends' Meeting House, Long Plain. As we are now living in the 19th Century, a century of progress and growth, it seemed at first a question that needed no discussion, but rather that in as much as we are cordially invited to other churches and receive benefit ourselves we could do no more than open wide our doors and say "Come". Surely the more we come together in the name of the Lord we are blessed of His Spirit. As a few Friends object to this Convention being held at Long Plain Meeting House the question was left with the following Committee Ruth S. Murray Wm. Thompson, Gideon Hood and Mary E. Gifford to confer with the Friends at Long Plain.
Charles H. Gifford and Eloise A. Hafford were appointed Chairman and secretary for the ensuing year. On looking over the past year we find many things for our encouragement, New schools have been started, more interest taken by the scholars and teachers and also that our adult Friends join more heartily in this great work

We hope the coming year will bring Sandwich Quarterly Conference many blessings The Conference adjourns to meet at Falmouth in Seventh Month if the Lord permits.

Elizabeth H. Baker

There was a full discussion of the topics and many good ideas were brought out. In the consideration of the 3d question, primary and supplemental were spoken of, in order to hold the scholars attention.

In connection with the 8th question Mrs. Mowry said that the time for teachers should be to bring themselves to Christ and be blessed.

John Wesley when questioning the 4th question brought that the school should be opened with different exercises. One must understand their abilities thoroughly, the classes must not be too large but should be studied and watched in their progress of life.

The 5th question was answered by the chairman. He said that a hundred years ago Robert Raikes started the Bible School with seven boys and now you have in the Bible schools of your town to day many hundred scholars! — Amen!

The tremendous growth of the Bible School in the one hundred years of existence is seen from the first effort of Robert Raikes to the present day. And the responsibility Bible Schools throughout the world is laying resting

[illegible] a feeling of thankfulness to our Master for the help we have received and [illegible] for more further work and [illegible] to meet all the needs in the next fifty years.

Respectfully

Eloise A. Hufford
Secretary.

The Conference met at Sandwich 10th Mo. 5th 1887.
The meeting was opened by the reading of the first chapter of Hebrews, and prayer was offered by Wm P. Macomber. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, the reports from the several schools were heard: a comparison of the statistics with those of last year at Sandwich showed a decided gain both in membership and average attendance.
"The Bible, how to study and teach it" being the topic for the evening, several clips were read giving evidences which sustain the claim of the Bible believer. Henry S Lamm added his testimony that the Bible is the Book of Books, ahead of everything; and as one proof of its value spoke of the change which has taken place in the islands of the Pacific since the coming of the missionaries with their Bible.
The chairman then called for scripture texts showing how the Bible should be studied; the key notes of these were: Search, Earnestly, Prayerfully, Regularly, Carefully, Humbly, — and throughout all these directions ran the golden thread Search. It was proposed that Prayerfully be added to the list as no Bible study would be complete without prayer.
A very interesting essay was next read by Sarah H. Taber, on "How the Bible should be taught." The Bible, with its inexhaustible riches, was strikingly compared to a broad landscape, bounded only by the horizon line, and which we think we can see at a glance; but, on approaching, new and unsuspected beauties are revealed, our horizon changes and there is always something beyond. The Bible is full of boundless meanings and measureless promises, and when we try to reach the horizon line of these, new fields open before us. How, practically, how are we to bring this Book before the children so that they may learn to see its beauties?

In the first place, the Bible should be taught understandingly. The teacher should work on the lesson all the week; first read and think over the text itself, then get all the references, enlightens & illustrations possible; exchange ideas with other teachers and be so filled with the truths of the lesson, that no lesson paper will be needed in the class.
Again the Bible should be taught intelligibly. The terms so familiar to us must be carefully explained to the scholar to prevent misinterpretations. Explain, repeat and illustrate, make the moral plain and pointed and leave it to do its work. We should also teach the Bible continually, - in our daily lives as well as in our schools; memorizing portions of scripture might aid in this. The Bible should be taught reverently: let the scholars learn to reverence the Book and it will go far towards forming in their minds a reverence for its divine Author. Lastly all, let us teach the Bible rejoicingly and expectantly; let us be glad we can teach, even so little, for we will gain from the effort. We may not see all the results of our work, but the complete record will be found written in the Book of life; and at the final Harvest Home, both he that soweth and he that reapeth will rejoice together.

This essay, full of practical suggestions was listened to with the closest attention & the opinion of the Conference seemed to be that all had been thoroughly said, and after remarks from the various members in unity with the thoughts already expressed, the meeting closed with the expression that "to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever."

Adjourned to meet at New Bedford 1. 1th Mo 30th if the Lord permit.

Helen H. Seabury,
Sec.

Statistical report of the various schools for the quarter ending 10th mo. 5th 1887.

	whole no. in attendance		no. of teachers.		average attendance
1. Allens' Neck-	91	-	9	-	77.
2. Mattahoisett.	43	-	7	-	35.
3. Smiths' Neck.	64.	-	6	-	37.
4. Apponagansett.	60	-	7	-	41
5. Central Village.	70	-	5	-	31.
6. Fairhaven.	9	-	1	-	6.
7. New Bedford.	100	-	11	-	68.
8. Howland Chapel.	—		—		—
9. Sandwich	15	-	2	-	10.
10. Falmouth.	12	-	2	-	7
11. Long Plain.	—	-	—		—
12. Dartmouth.	—		—		—
total	438	-	36	-	302

The Conference met at New Bedford 11th mo. 30th 1887.
The Chairman opened the meeting by reading the 3d & 4th Chapters of Ephesians.
Prayer was then offered, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.
The reports from the various Bible Schools were next heard: 9 of the 12 schools sent in statistics, which could be compared with those of last quarter as at that time there were also 9 reports sent in. The following statements are the result of that comparison:

Whole no. of scholars in schools - last quarter - 438
" " " " " this quarter. 488.
" " " teachers . . . last quarter 36
" " " " " " this quarter 43.

showing a gain of 50 scholars and 7 teachers over Last Quarter. This gain is partly owing to the fact that the schools were not taken as thoroughly organized as later in the season.

Howland Chapel reported a new feature of the school which was an incentive to its better work and behavior among the scholars; a banner being given each third Day to the class paying the closest attention during the general exercises.

Both Howland Chapel, and the New Bedford school sent in accounts of the "Lend a Hand" Clubs which have been started among some of the members and bid fair to be useful and helpful organizations. The clubs are under the control of a President & Secretary; the members visit the sick, carry water or wood, run errands cheerfully and try to lend a hand in everything that comes up in their daily lives. The Club motto is that in common with all the "Lend a Hand" Clubs. —

"To look up and not down,
Forward and not back,
Out and not in
And to lend a hand."

and the watchword on all the badges is "In His Name". The practical working of these clubs seems to ensure their success.

The New Bedford report mentioned the sad loss which the school has sustained in the removal of its former superintendent and this was supplemented by remarks from Edward T. Tucker showing the active interest which Charles Tabor had always taken in the Conference from the time when he founded it in 4th mo, 1868 - just 20 years ago. It was resolved that the Conference place upon its records a tribute to its founder untiring efforts to make the Bible School teaching a successful factor of the great work to be accomplished.

To help us realize the value of the Bible, Wm. P. Pinkham of Lynn had prepared an essay on "Bible treasures and how to find them". His scholarly treatment of the subject and finished delivery insured close attention during the whole reading. He began by saying that to show the wealth of Bible treasures requires months and years - half an hour is entirely inadequate to exhaust the field tonight we simply take up the way to find Bible treasures. Successful treasure seeking is an art. A valuable exercise it is to consider some requisites for treasure seeking. 1st Such a knowledge of the objects sought as will insure a ready detection of them from among other objects. The secret of success is in its spirit not its form. An Indian is a poor diamond hunter because he does not appreciate the gem. The 2d requisite is a dominant desire for the object sought. The 3d, the power and habit of sustained effort. 4th Belief that the desired objects may be found. No one searched for diamonds in South Africa until someone happened to discover that they existed in that place. The Bible is a mine of rare poetic gems. One

of the finest diamonds taken from near the entrance of that mine, is the 5th "Song of Deborah." It is not modern in form, but it has the essence of poetry. Its charms grow with acquaintance. 5th Another requisite is practice. The more fully prepared we are the more capable are we to find new treasures. 6th An acquaintance with the purpose, spirit and character of the author is necessary. The Bible has exerted a powerful influence in Science. Scientific discovery is a treasure. But far above all other forms of treasures are those sublime truths of which the Bible is the treasury, which are "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 7th The seeker should not only have a knowledge of the author's spirit but be in living sympathy with the purpose of all creations. Regeneration is the underlying principle of all enjoyment in finding Bible treasures.

Susan Thompson called attention to the fact that in the examination of diamonds, every new point of view gives a new flash of light, and added that this is equally true in regard to a careful examination of the Bible.

James Clarke, an English friend, gave a very interesting account of the Bible Schools in England, showing in what ways they differ from our own.

Several other remarks were made by friends present, and then the Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford, 4th mo. 4th 1884, if the Lord permit.

Helen M. Leeburn.
Sec'y.

Statistical report of the various schools for the quarter ending 11th mo. 30th 1887.

	whole no. in attendance	no. of teachers	average attendance
1. Allen's Neck -	100 -	2 -	47
2. Mattapoisett -	42 -	4 -	37
3. Smith's Neck	69 -	2 -	40
4. Apponagansett -	63 -	4 -	41
5. Central Village	75 -	3 -	55
6. Fairhaven	10 -	1 -	6
7. New Bedford -	120 -	12 -	77
8. Howland Chapel -	97 -	3 -	69
9. Sandwich	—	—	—
10. Falmouth -	—	—	—
11. Long Plain -	80 -	3 -	40
12 Acushnet -	—	—	—
	748 -	43 -	395

The Conference met at New Bedford 4th mo. 4th 1888.

Meeting opened. The meeting was opened by the Chairman who read a portion of scripture, after which

minutes. the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports from schools. Next in order came the reports from the several schools within the limits of the Quarterly Meeting. 8 of the 12 schools were heard from, those at Sandwich and Falmouth who closed during the winter months, and the attendance at some of the others had been affected by the severity of the weather, thus making the average attendance of all the schools smaller by 14 than last Quarter. Nevertheless the whole number belonging to the schools shows an increase of 189 scholars and 11 teachers, which is certainly an encouraging outlook for the future.

Statistics The Conference may be interested in comparing the statistics, which are as follows:

Whole no. of scholars in schools - last quarter:		488
" " " " " "	this "	657
" " " teachers " "	last "	43
" " " " " "	this "	54
Average attendance	last "	391
"	this "	361

New Officers elected The time having arrived to elect officers for the ensuing year, a committee consisting of Mary B. Sealbury, Anna P. Holmes and Nathaniel H. Gifford was chosen to select names, after due deliberation, Sarah H. Taber was appointed chairman, and D. S. Hudson of Sterling

Address of Rufus Jones. The conference then listened with great interest to an address given by Rufus Jones of Pendleton on the "Historical and Internal Evidences for the Truth of the Bible". He emphasized the inspiration of the Bible, and then dwelt especially on proofs from the inscriptions of Egypt and Assyria.

He began by saying that there are two books given us in which we can find God's will and if the Bible is written by inspiration of God it must agree with the book of nature. Those who have searched from right motives have

never found them to disagree.
To believe in a book we must know the author.
We know that the Lord commanded Moses to
write in a book, and there is more reason to
believe that the true one was kept rather
than a false one. The knowledge which
Moses had of the facts which he recorded
must have been very exact, for, because of
the long life + the few generations in those
times, he could have had his account of
the flood 3d hand and of the Creation 5th hand.
The internal evidence for the Biblical account of
Creation is very strong, and historical witness
have lately arisen to corroborate it, for within
the last twenty years monuments have
been found testifying to the creation.
Berosus gives a full account of the creation
a later writer gives an independent account
and both agree perfectly.
Abraham being a man of importance
ought to have received notice in other
countries, and late research has brought
to light an old Assyrian tablet on which
that patriarch is mentioned.
The massive sculpturing walls of the Egyptian
Temple of Karnac give undeniable proof
of the persecution of the Israelites in Egypt.
Bricks are being found that locate cities
mentioned no where else than in the Bible.
For example the Chaldaean Ur, people
think that these Bible cities never existed
and then the very stones cry out as witnesses
of the truth.

Scriptures

It is not known who wrote the book of Joshua
but it was probably an eye-witness, for he
says in one place "we passed over"; so his
account ought to be trustworthy.
David's Psalms confirm things which happened
in his reign and thus add another link
to the already long chain of evidences.
Historical records show that there was a
Hiram contemporary with David, and they

make frequent mentions of Solomon answering with

Many people have said that Tiglath Pileser probably never existed, as no mention is made of him outside the Bible, but recent discoveries in Assyria prove that Pul, a name frequently occurring on the tablets, refers to that ruler.

So many other evidences of the truth of the Old Testament were brought out that there was time only for glimpses of the New Testament truths.

The Resurrection should be confirmed first of all: we must suppose one of three things about the disciples, they were either fanatics or deceivers or honest men. 1st, if they were deluded why did not the Romans bring out Christ's body and show he had not risen, 2d, It is not possible to believe they were base men, for no deceiver would give his life in defense of what he knew was false; the only thing left is that the apostles were true honest

If a man adopts the Bible & believes it and conforms his life to it, is not this a testimony?

The four independent stories of Christ's life make us feel very sure of its reality: The foundation standeth sure. Let us not only believe that the Bible is true, but in our daily lives try to show its truth and power.

Remarks. At the close of the address, Rachel S. Howland heartily endorsed the views expressed, and was glad that this confirmation of biblical record came at a time when it was so much needed.

Brief remarks were made by Robert B. Tabor, Sarah H. Tabor and others, and the Conference then adjourned to meet at Falmouth on 7th day the 7th mo. adjourned if the Lord permit.

Helen H. Seabury
Secy.

Statistical report of the various schools for the quarter ending 4th mo. 4th 1885.

	whole no. in attendance	no. of teachers	average attendance
1. Allens' Neck.	90	2	10	5-3
2. Mattapoisett.	42	—	4	—	2+
3. Smiths' Neck.	50	—	8	—	2+
4. Apponagansett.	54	—	4	—	30
5. Central Village.	45	—	5	—	30
6. Fair haven.	10	—	1	—	10
7. New Bedford.	177	—	12	—	10+
8. Howland Chapel.	134	—	10	—	7+
9. Sandwich.	12	—	2	—	10
10. Falmouth.	0	—	0	—	0
11 Long Plain.	30		—		—
12. Acushnet.	25		—		12
	657		57+		381
	669	—			

Committee for the ensuing year.

		P.O. address.
1. Allens' Neck.	Mrs. Hettie A. Tallonan.	So. Westport, Mass
2. Mattapoisett.	Ruth H. Miller	Mattapoisett "
3. Smiths' Neck.	A. H. Smith	So. Dartmouth "
4. Apponagansett.	Ed. H. Winslow	No. " "
5. Central Village.	Eliz. A. Taylor	Central Village "
6. Fair haven.	Thomas A. Tripp	New Bedford "
7. New Bedford.	George R. Wood	" " "
8. Howland Chapel.	Nathaniel H. Gifford	" " "
9. Sandwich.	Rebecca D. Ewer	East Sandwich "
10. Falmouth.	Benjamin S. Bowerman	West Falmouth "
11. * Long Plain.	Sophronia Leggett	Long Plain "
12. Acushnet.	Wm H. Gardner	Acushnet "

* Correction. — Richard Davis, Supt. whom please address.

On account of sickness, and other adverse circumstances, the Conference appointed to meet at Falmouth in Seventh month, was omitted. —

D. W. S. Underwood.
Secretary.

The Conference met at Sandwich 10th mo. 3d. 1888.

The session was opened by the Chairman, who read a selection from the first chapter of 2d. Peter. Prayer was offered, and the minutes of Conference held in 4th month at New Bedford, were read. Next, the reports from the various schools were presented. Nearly all were heard from, either through correspondence, or by verbal testimony. On the whole, the reports were encouraging, even though in the aggregate, there was a slight decline in the membership and regular attendance. Mattapoisett reported the organization of a Juvenile Temperance Society, meeting once a month. — The Correspondent at Long Plain suggested a feature of the Acushnet Bible School Convention as excellent for adoption, — that of appointing Committees to visit each school during the quarter, to inquire into its condition and make special report at the next meeting of the Conference. As the attendance for the evening was rather small, the suggestion was not discussed.

Charles Goddard remarked concerning First-Day Schools in Maine. In general, they are small. The largest in the Yearly Meeting, at Winthrop, numbers one hundred-fifty scholars.

He spoke with the earnestness of self-conviction, of the necessity of regular home study of the Bible in connection with the systematic work of the Bible Schools.

These sentiments were strongly indorsed by several present. ———

The Convention then listened to an interesting address from Nathaniel W. Gifford, on the Life and Character of the Apostle Peter. Strong analogies were drawn between the representative traits of mind, heart and soul, which made Peter the successful teacher of his time, and existing individualities of action which mark the successful teacher of to-day. ———

At the close of the address, Charles Goddard expressed his deep interest in the earnest thoughts and words of the speaker. He briefly reviewed the character of Peter, in all its vacillations of strength and weakness, confidence and failure, first the

impetuous follower, and later, the denier of his Lord:— Yet, though his life was full of mistakes, Jesus loved him. So, may that love be the constraining motive to draw all present, nearer to Him.

Salome Wheeler in a few brief remarks emphasized the strong points of Peter's character,— dwelling much on his zeal in calling others to Christ.

The Chairman recalled some pleasing reminiscences of the late Charles Taber's experience in gathering children into the Bible School.

The Convention adjourned to meet in New Bedford, in fourth month, if the Lord permit.

D. W. S. Underwood
Secretary.

The Conference met at New Bedford, 12th month, 5th, 1888.—

The reading of the 107th Psalm by the Chairman, was followed by an interval of silence and then the minutes of the Sandwich Conference were read by the Secretary, as follows:

Delegates from the Bible School at Central Village were present, whose words, though brief, were encouraging and hopeful in spirit. — The report from the New Bedford Bible School announced an increasing attendance, the average reaching 91 in membership, with much interest manifest in the Old Testament Studies. The "Lend a Hand Club" composed of boys connected with the School in a flourishing condition, and doing much good in a quiet way. Many of the older boys had convened on week-day evenings, to listen to lectures on entertaining and instructive subjects.

In the Appleyard 1st Day School, religious papers and magazines, graded to the capacity of the scholars, are used to advantage, in furnishing definite work. The School numbers 64, the number of young pupils steadily increasing.

No other schools were reported.

A class of girls from the Juvenile Temperance School in this city were present, and passed a creditable examination, questioned by Mrs. Rev. A. P. Palmer — on the hygiene of the body, and the deleterious effects of intoxicating liquors on the brain, stomach, and other vital organs.

The Conference then listened to an address by Ruth S. Murray on "Some of the Methods for Teaching Temperance to the Young."

In commencing, the speaker said The Bible contains every possible inducement to the leading of a virtuous life, and the grace of temperance is most strongly advocated. We are all familiar with the addition tables of Peter, "Add to your faith virtue and to virtue, knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, etc." Also, as we turn the leaves of the Holy Text we cannot

fail to realize the certainty of the "Ws" which is predicted for the drunkard, with final exclusion from Heaven, where only the pure in heart can enter. — And yet abstract teaching, though weighty, is hardly successful in results. The circulation of pledges among the young, though a potent influence, is not entirely efficacious, and an intelligent acquaintance with the dire consequences which follow indulgence in strong drink, hardly leads to universal sobriety. These influences are strong in convincing, and yet there is one more factor which strongly aids in temperance teaching. This is the use of the blackboard in pictorial illustration. As in learning the alphabet, both eye and ear are enlisted in the work, so in the alphabet of temperance facts grasped by the ear are powerfully emphasized when presented to the eye. — Arrange a string of texts upon the blackboard, said the speaker, such as,

"No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of Heaven"

"Look not upon the wine when it is red,"

"Wo unto him that giveth his neighbor drink,"

"For the drunkard shall come to poverty." — then, drawing the outline of a glass, arrange a pledge about it, such as, I will take no strong drink to harm myself, or lead others astray. Later in life, when offered wine, the recollection, in vivid retrospect, of this boyish trust, will help restrain the man. — An Arithmetical example in the four fundamental rules, addition, subtraction multiplication and division, will give children a feasible idea of the great amount of money annually wasted in the sale of liquor — when proved that it exceeds the whole amount spent for schools, missions, libraries, worship and church property. — Draw two banks. In one, deposit the Losings, in the other, the Savings of a life-time, taking into computation the expense of liquor-drinking. The contrast can be strongly told with the crayon. —

With the representation of a ladder can be vividly portrayed the downward steps of the drunkard. Let us take five in number, such as -

1 - He that refuseth instruction, despiseth his own soul.
2 - Wine is a mocker strong drink is raging, and he that deceiveth himself thereby is not wise.
3 - For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty
4 - Their feet are swift to shed blood.
5 - Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards shall inherit the kingdom of God.

For the ascending steps, -

1 - Take fast hold of instruction, for she is thy life.
2 - Wisdom is the principal thing.
3 - The blessing of the Lord maketh rich.
4 - Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles.
5 - The path of the just is as the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

When children realize the constant accent on the one side, and the steady descent on the other, these are strong lessons easily summed up: to wit, - "What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you? - If any one defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy."

Charles Peaseley followed speaking of temperance work accomplished in several towns in New Hampshire,

George Ford and Joshua Macomber, commended on the valuable work done through Temperance Schools, and Temperance organizations in general.

The Conference closed, to meet in New Bedford, fourth month, if the Lord permit.

L. W. S. Underwood, - Secretary.

The Conference met at New Bedford, in the fourth month, 1889— The Chairman opened the meeting by the reading of a portion of the 40th Chapter of Isaiah's Prophecy, beginning, "Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, saith your God." The record of the previous Conference was read, and brief reports from several schools were presented. A decline in the membership of some was accounted for, from local causes, The prevailing interest in the majority of the schools is indicative of future successful work. Thanks Peaslee commended the course of systematic Bible Study pursued in the Wallapoicett School. —— The first business of the meeting was the election of new officers for the ensuing year. A committee who retired for the purpose, presented the names of William P. Macomber and Annie H. Howland for Chairman and Secretary, whose appointment was unanimously confirmed.

The address of the Evening by Rachel Howland, on the Influence of Woman and the Work she is accomplishing in the world in the present generation, made all present feel that the wonders will one day be, not that she did not accomplish more in the 19th Century, but that she accomplished what she has. —

After the reading of Whittier's poem of Palestine, by Nathaniel Gifford, the Conference adjourned to meet in Falmouth in 7th. month, if the Lord permit.

D. W. S. Underwood, Secy.

Statistical Report of the various schools for the quarter Ending 14th. Nov. 3st. 1889.

		Membership	No. Teachers	Average Attendance
1	Allen's Neck	90	9	50
2	Mattapoisett	45	4	25
3	Smith's Neck	50	8	24
4	Apponeganset	60	5	27
5	Central Village	44	5	30
6	Fairhaven	12	3	10
7	New Bedford	137	17	99
8	Howland Chapel	109	9	60
9	Sandwich	12	2	10
10	Falmouth	—	—	—
11	Long Plain	30	3	20
12	Acushnet	16	2	11
		605	67	366

Corresponding Committee.

			P.O. Address.
1	Allens Neck	Mrs. Nettie A. Tallman	So. Westport, Mass.
2	Mattapoisett	Ruth H. Hiller	Mattapoisett
3	Smiths Neck	A. H. Smith	So. Dartmouth, "
4	Apponeganset	Ed. H. Winslow	No. Dartmouth, "
5	Central Village	Elizabeth A. Taylor	Central Village "
X 6	Fairhaven	Thomas A. Tripp	New Bedford "
7	New Bedford	Geo. R. Wood	" " "
X 8	Howland Chapel	Nathaniel W. Gifford	" " "
9	Sandwich	Rebecca D. Ewer	East Sandwich, "
X 10	Falmouth	Benjamin S. Bowerman	West Falmouth, "
11	Long Plain	Richard Davis	Long Plain "
12	Acushnet	William H. Gardner	Acushnet "

The Bible School Conference met at West Falmouth 7mo 10th 1889. The Chairman opened the meeting by reading the 111th Psalm. Then followed a season of prayer. Wm Macomber asked that each individual present might have strength and help from above and inspiration to deal rightly with all questions coming before the meeting. The Secretary then read the minutes of the last Conference, held in 4mo at New Bedford, after which the reports from the different Schools were read. There are twelve Schools under the care of the Conference and a general report from six, was received. Wattapoiset, Central Village, Sandwich, Long Plain and New Bedford sent General statements as to the condition of their Schools which were Exceedingly interesting. The Watt. School thought their Especial need to be a larger amount of personal work in the line of visiting families, that a more regular attendance might be secured. The Central Village School thought they needed more thorough work individually. The word from Sandwich was, that the number was few, but these few were not denied a blessing. The Long Plain School said, during the summer months the attendance was small, owing to the in-gathering of small fruits, berries etc. But during the winter the attendance was good and living interest was manifested. The New Bedford School Expressed some difficulty in presenting the subject of Temperance before the Scholars in a manner to gain their attention. Word came from Falmouth, that there had been no School there for 2 or 3 mo. past.

In connection with the report from the New Bedford School, Helen Seabury gave a most interesting Sketch of the work of the "Kings Daughters", one of the Societies of the New Bedford School. The Chairman said there owned de. Kings Daughters everywhere — that it was a blessed thing to work for the King and such work would not fail. A Letter from Dr. Rhoades, President of Bryn Mawr College, to the Young people's meeting of New Bedford, was then read by Anna R. Holmes, followed by his paper on Friends' Beliefs, by Helen Seabury. The article first gives a brief and general statement of the foundation

of the Quaker Belief - Ken entered into detail and gave Friends' principles in regard to their manner of worship; the ordinances; legal and moral reforms; peace principles and the subject of parties. In order to make this subject practicable the question was asked - How can we best teach these principles in our Bible Schools? The Chairman called on Jesse Holmes of Kansas to answer, who said that Friends' Beliefs are founded on the Scriptures and that if we taught the Scriptures we should teach the doctrine. If we teach the children the Gospel, as it is in the Scriptures, and as held by this Church, we prepare them to become members of this Society. But it is essential that we have first a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures - not a one-sided or one-sided view. God was not willing to have people without an outward form of His word - namely the Bible written by Holy men inspired of God. Yet people are not wholly dependent on this outward form, He also gave them the Holy Spirit to tell each their individual duty. In our Bible teaching it is necessary that those who teach should be taught of God themselves. Wm. Hatfield addressed Jesse Holmes's remarks, also the Chairman, who said he was glad our Society realized the diversity of gifts - all have a work to do in the Church according as God has bestowed the ability to do, and he believed that each owned use the talent given and we owned help each other in the Lord's work. This branch of the Church owned increase and flourish. Hannah Gifford expressed her thanks to the young friends who had taken such active part in the Conference saying she knew they owned themselves be blessed in the doing of it. Others expressed thankfulness in having the young as helpers. Although the number present at the Conference was small, all seemed alive & zealous, making it an interesting session. After a short silence the meeting adjourned to meet at Sandwich in the 10th mo. if the Lord permit.

Anna L. Howland Sec'y.

The Bible School Conference met at East Sandwich 10mo 2nd 1884. The Chairman Wm Macomber being absent on account of illness, Henry A. Stearns of So. Westport kindly filled the position. He opened the session by reading the 8th Chapter of Romans after which a few moments were spent in silent prayer. Next, the minutes of the last Conference were read followed by the Reports from the different Schools. Long Plain, Matta poisett, East Sandwich, South Westport & New Bedford were heard from by letter. They all spoke of good interest in the study of the Bible and in answer to the Question "What mission work have you done the past Year, said, that some work of the kind had been done, either by mite boxes, Lend a Hand Clubs, or by regular Collection for that purpose. Acushnet, Central Village, Apponegansett & Smiths Creek were not heard from so the Chairman asked any one present who could answer for either of them to do so. Elizabeth A. Taylor answered for the Central Village School saying they had about 30 or 40 members and all seemed interested in the study of the Scriptures. As a School they had done no mission Work but the children had given their mite and it had been mostly used for the Ramallah mission. Henry A. Stearns said he could testify the Apponegansett School was doing well and had a membership of about 40 or 60. He also thought there had been no change at the Smiths Neck School.

Mary B. Smith then read a most interesting letter from Mary Haines, Corresponding Secretary of Foreign missions in Phila, giving a very clear & careful account of the various mission Schools under the care of the Friends Society. After the letter the Chairman said he would like to hear from John Cartland in regard to Mission Work. Friend Cartland said it should be a matter of great interest to us, to do to how we could Enlighten those in darkness. He thought if we only realized our privileges & blessings here in this civilized land we would work with true Zeal & Spirit. Stephen Cartland was then asked to give his ideas on the work and he thought we only needed to remember that we should do unto others as we would they

should do unto us. To bring the matter home to our own hearts. He acknowledged it was difficult to tell exactly the needs of people but evidently the need is great and he rejoiced that our Church was doing her part in the work. Elizabeth A. Taylor said the first thing was to get the schools interested, there must be real interest to do good work. She spoke of being present at the Yearly meeting. When it was decided to send Ty Sil and Eli Jones to the Holy Land, and now that the work was started she thought it was the duty of the Schools in the Yearly meeting to carry on the work. Each school should think what part it can take and feel some responsibility in the matter. Henry A. Thomas said he knew little of mission work in the States but while at sea he saw much of it in the Japan seas and in the Islands of the Pacific. He thought all should be missionaries; "Go in your own corner, I am mine". The work is good and the reward is sure. The methodist minister of Sandwich then expressed his interest in the work - especially in Japan work. Spoke of the great progress made in that Country within a few years. Eighteen years ago they had no railroads - now they are plenty; they also have the telegraph & Electric lights. It is fast becoming an enlightened, civilized nation. He trusted all the Churches would work together in this work. David H. Potter, considered mission work to be Christ's work upon earth for the salvation of souls, said it was the means of stopping war and he would see mission work had been done among the Indians. Compulsion will not do.

After a few moments of silence the Conference adjourned to meet at New Bedford in the 12th mo. if the Lord permit.

Anna K. Howland, Sec'y.

The Bible School Conference met at New Bedford 12mo 4th 1889.

I The Chairman after reading the 92nd Psalm, made a prayer, asking for help in all Bible School Work. II The Secretary read the minutes of the last Conference. III Reports from the Schools. All were heard from but Central Village and none one present answered for that School, saying there had been no changes since the last report. The reports in General showed good interest in Bible School Work and more than a fair attendance, considering the very unfavorable weather of these winter months. IV Wm Pentheni of Lynn addressed the Conference on, "The Ends & Means of Bible School Work." He said the purpose of the Church is the Salvation of Souls. Every branch should tend to that end; the Bible School is a branch, therefore its work should be the salvation of Souls. First he considered the agencies to be employed. Teachers must themselves be converted, in order to convert. We have Christian Endeavor Societies and a magnificent achievement in the International Lessons. If a teacher rests from personal development, his work rests too. What are the things in which a Teacher should grow? They should be acquainted with, and trained in, Christian Doctrine and Christian Doctrine is a Science that is as certain as Geometry or any other science. Why should the teacher be systematically trained in Christian Doctrine? Because the Scholars will ask questions and if you are well grounded in doctrine you can foresee their doubts & conclusions and can influence their life-convictions. Instead of trying to settle our doubts & fears in our own minds, we should go to the fountain of all Christian Doctrine - the Bible. Surely one of the Ends is a clear, intelligent knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel. What are the means of our becoming acquainted with Christian Doctrine? There are many human helps - books etc. He recommended "The Compendium of Christian Theology" by Binney & Steele and the "Revelation of Faith" by Richmond. Error comes in pleasant guise, Be ware of those who deny the Efficacy of the blood and call their religion, a new theology or advanced culture. God has given us a Book that will

make us sound in the faith. We exhorted all to prepare for the war - prepare for the work, by careful & minute study of the Bible. The Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." "Speak thou the things that become sound doctrine". The Chairman said he knew he voiced the Conference in thanking Wm Pinkham for his able & instructive address. We thought all must feel the necessity of being thoroughly grounded in Christian Doctrine. We need it to hold our own against all the various methods of modern religion. Rachel Howland said much labor was lost because we did not work for the one point "to save souls". The Bible corresponds to the experience of humanity, "Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life". We must believe this. She indorsed the remarks by Friend Pinkham and said they were particularly needed in this day of advanced theology. Chas Goddard said he believed the aim of Bible School teaching to be conversion. Do our schools show this result? If the class is not converted - why? Let us expect conversion and early in life. Teachers must grow - grow by feeding on the words out of the mouth of God. We may ask questions all our lives, yet never reach the limit of divine wisdom. Rachel Howland thought the labors of a teacher were worth more to a class after they were converted. Before conversion they listen with respectful attention but after conversion they are eager - like little birds with mouth wide open to receive the food. Both Chas Goddard and the Chairman wished we might have the Address of the evening in some form of print for those not present. Wm Pinkham said he had spoken entirely from notes but kindly consented to write them out and forward it, that it might be sent to the different Schools if so desired. The Secretary of the Conference will now have the Address and any may have it by applying to her. As the weather was threatening the attendance was small. After a few moments of silence the Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P.M. and in the 4th mo if the Lord permit.

Anna R. Howland Sec.

The Bible School Conference met at New Bedford 4th mo 2nd 1870.

The Chairman opened the session by reading the 62 chapter of Isaiah. A season of silent prayer then followed after which the minutes of the last Conference were read. It being time to elect new officers for the ensuing year, the following Committee were nominated for that purpose; Susan Seabury, Anna G. Wood, Alice Tucker and Nathaniel Gifford. While they were consulting the Reports from the Schools were read. Long Plain, Apponeganset, Allens Neck, Smiths Neck, Mattapoisett & New Bedford were heard from by letter. Long Plain spoke of an addition of two adult members who were a great spiritual help. Apponeganset sent an encouraging report, saying all seemed interested and willing to help, particularly the younger members. The Plain S.S. at Smith's Neck reported a membership of 64, out of which 23 children had signed the pledge and all the teachers of the School. Altogether the reports of the past year have been very satisfactory, and most of the Schools have forwarded reports for each Conference. The Committee now being ready to report gave the following list of officers. For Chairman, Dr. Edward T. Tucker; Secretary, Hannah R. Gifford.

Elizabeth T. Larkin then addressed the Conference on "Practical Suggestions in Bible School Work". The question is asked at all the Conferences, "How can we increase the interest in our Schools and upon whom rests the responsibility of arousing & sustaining such interest." It rests upon all, officers, teachers & Scholars. The Supt. holds the reins of the School as the teacher does of his class. It is important to have a good Supt. & Sec. and they should be elected annually. The school should have the opportunity to express their preference and the position develops & spiritually & intellectually, so why should not all have the opportunity to share in the benefits. The Supt. should be prompt, regular in attendance and observe all things. Vary the exer-

ers of the school. Advice was given first to the Supt. then to the Teachers. It is important that teachers thoroughly prepare the lesson. A right preparation on the part of the teacher means a three-fold preparation; a preparation of heart, of mind & of life. The heart must be changed - the old nature put off, the indwelling of the Holy Ghost known as a living experience; this is the first requisite. Mind must be prepared because we need well disciplined, well furnished minds to win the confidence, respect & interest of scholars. Take up the lesson early in the week, think over it; pray over it; look for spiritual truth underlying it; compare scripture with scripture; read up the parallel account; note differences & seeming discrepancies; use all the outside helps you can get at aids but never to take the place of the Bible itself. It is a good idea to have an outline in one's mind, like the following. Who wrote this lesson - At what time - What was his object - What in his lesson needs explanation with regard to manners, customs, difficult words, apparent discrepancies in the parallel records? What is the spiritual truth underlying the lesson? The Bible is like no other book we should study it carefully, prayerfully & continuously. The above in regard to preparation applies to both teachers & scholars. Suggestive swarm of BE's to teachers. BE the Earliest in your class if possible. Be in the right Spirit. BE simple in your language. Be clear in your explanations. BE affectionate to your scholars. BE patient. BE polite. BE careful to explain a word or phrase that has two or three meanings. BE sure to show the scholars how the truths in the lesson can be helpful to them in their every day life. BE encouraging - commend when you can. Now to these suggestive BE's we will add a few don'ts. Don't try to teach without careful, prayerful preparation. Don't take the lesson Quarterlies into the class. Don't be an echo if an answer is not understood have the child repeat it. Don't snub a scholar or allow the class to laugh at a stupid answer. Don't scold. Don't take it for granted that your pupils know anything about the lesson. Don't dress so as to attract a child's attention. Don't fail to visit your scholars in their homes. Don't think, for one moment, sufficient for these things - without the power of the Holy Ghost all will be in vain. Don't forget

You must give an account for the use of your talents. Now preparation of the life. "It is easier to preach than to practice but if we do not practice we preach in vain. The teachers life must be pure like his words. Everything wrought out in this paper means work. Bible Schools must have Earnest. Zealous workers who have faith, and trust the result. Bible Schools are the nurseries of the Church, training up from childhood living members, to be workers in Gods great harvest field.

The Chairman expressed the voice of all present in thanking Elizabeth Larkin for her able, practical lesson and hoped all would see the have's & don'ts in the schools. Many other present endorsed the thoughts given in the address.

After a few moments of silence the Conference was adjourned to meet at Falmouth on the 3rd, if the Lord permit.

Statistical Report of the Schools for the quarter Ending 4th mo 2nd 1890.

	Membership	Average Attendance
1. Allen's Neck	88.	54.
2. Mattapoisett	40	22
3. Smiths Neck	67	34.
4. Appinegansett	55	25
5. Central Village	40	24.
6. New Bedford	165	115
7. Long Plain	80	18
8. Acushnet	15	9.
9. Sandwich - No school during the winter. Durham has only an Adult Bible Class.		
Making a total of	500	301

at Sandwich

There was no Bible School Conference in 10th mo.
on account of the funeral of our beloved Friend Paul Wing.
The Bible School Conference met at Falmouth.
7th mo 9th 1890
The Chairman opened the session by reading
the 29th Psalm, Prayer was then offered.
The reports of the Schools were then called for,
but none responded except Central Village,
on account of the Secretarys neglect to call for them.
William & Susan Thompson gave a most interesting account
of their travels through the Holy Land. Ramallah.
Jerusalem and other cities were described, and a good
idea given of the manners and customs of the people.
To make it more impressive, they dressed in the
Eastern costumes and explained each garment
and ornament worn. The ornament most valued
by the women is of silver worn about the neck;
consisting of ten coins hanging from silver chains,
and the value of it is well illustrated by the Parable
of the woman searching for the lost piece of silver.
Account of which you may find in Luke 15th & 8th.
Many more experiences were given, such as attending
a wedding feast, when the guests all sat on the
floor and ate balls of rice with their fingers.
A tiny model of clay was shown which illustrated
the way in which the Eastern women grind their corn.
But the subject most dwelt upon was the mission
School at Ramallah where the interest of the Friends
is especially centered, and William & Susan Thompson
having been in and seen the workings of this
school, are well fitted to bring out its needs, and
encourage others to the work. The school consists
of both boarding and day scholars. It was particularly emphasized that $5,00 would educate one
of the latter, for a year. The speakers dwelt much
on systematic giving and hoped the different
Bible Schools in the Yearly Meeting would take up
the work, and each class take a scholar to educate.
Pictures were shown of the buildings, the teachers,
and scholars, and Susan Thompson said each class taking
a boy or girl to educate, should have a picture
of the boy or girl and work for just that one. The lessons

throughout was most instructive and the earnestness of the speakers impressed all.
The Conference adjourned to meet in Sandwich in 10th Mo. if the Lord permit.

Hannah R. Gifford

Sec'y.

The Conference met at New Bedford 12 mo 8th 1890. The Chairman first read the 16th Psalm after which Elizabeth Larkin offered Prayer. The Secretary, Hannah R. Gifford being absent because of illness, Anna R. Haviland was elected to fill the position for the evening.
The Minutes of the last Conference were first read then the Reports from the different schools - Every school in the Quarterly Meeting being heard from. The Total Membership and Average Attendance were smaller than a year ago, still the Reports on the whole were Encouraging. It was proposed that a circular letter be written and forwarded to each school to stir them up and to encourage them in the work, also to answer the Questions asked in the Reports. The Conference nominated the following Committee to write the circular letter - Ruth L. Murray, Mary Seabury and Elizabeth K. Taber.
Elizabeth Larkin then read a Paper which she said presented old truths in a new form. It was a Dream. She found herself in Heaven and her guide told her to open her Eyes and behold what was taking place on the Earth below. She looked and saw two great armies arraying themselves, as for war. One army consisted of some who were hobbling along on peculiar crutches and these crutches proved to be Sabbath School Quarterlies. Others were crutchless but bore on crutches were much in the way of the crutchless ones. Some held the Sword of the Spirit, which is the "Word of God"; in their

Leads and these seemed to be the live and active ones of the army. The opposing army consisted of Atheist, Infidels, Spiritualists, Deists, Christian Scientists and others. The battle began, and soon only those having the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God, were left standing to fight the opposing army. They conquered and He, who was looking on from Heaven, cried out praise God that His side was victorious.

It was the earnest desire of the Conference that Elizabeth Larkin allow copies of her "Dream" to be sent with the circular letter to the different school. She consented, as those present thought it would be of great benefit to the schools. Ruth Murray said many of us were no doubt on Crutches and she hoped the lesson would go home to each and each would put aside aids and study the Bible itself more. It is certainly important that we study the Bible all we can - we study other books and surely we should study this one.

Elizabeth Nichols, of Providence then addressed the Conference on Temperance Work. She said many in our prisons would testify that they had been through Sabbath School, had been taught the Gospel but had not been warned against the wolves, Alcohol & Tobacco. It would seem as though Temperance was not taught as it should be, in the School. The Monthly Temperance lessons should not only come once a month but that the teacher should bring up the subject of Temperance in connection with the regular lesson whenever she could. The Sabbath School Teacher should be full of the Spirit of Temperance and Earnest and she would then find Temperance in many Sabbath Lessons. Train the children to look upon Alcohol & Tobacco as impure & unclean. Each then that they must abstain and be an example to others. Those who fight against a cause are the strongest to withstand it, therefore teach the children to work against Intemperance. She did not think Temperance was a wide -

spread a topic mentioned & Remember in the Sabbath School to teach the children, not in one line but in all lines - teach them Experience as well as Scripture. It was the voice of all present that the Conference was much indebted both to Elizabeth Larkin for her thoughtful paper and to Elizabeth Nichols for her earnest address.

The Chairman Expressed the hearty thanks of the Conference after which there were a few moments of silent prayer.

Adjourned to meet at new Bedford in 4th mo if the Lord permit.

The Conference met at New Bedford, 4mo 2nd 1891.
The Chairman & Secretary being unable to attend, Sarah H. Taber acted as Chairman and Anna R. Howland as Secretary. The opening Chapter from the Bible, was the 119th Psalm. The Secretary then read the minutes of the last Conference which were approved & accepted.
The Chairman stated the time had arrived for the election of new Officers for the ensuing year and the following Committee was appointed to select them — Anna G. Wood, Catherine Howland & Geo. R. Wood.
Meantime the Reports from the different schools were read, after which the Com. for nominating Officers gave the following report. Chairman, Nathaniel Gifford Secretary, Elizabeth M. Gifford.
It was proposed and discussed that there be but two Conferences held, one in 12mo — one in 4mo — both at New Bedford. All seemed to realize the necessity of making some change and several expressed themselves in favor of holding but two Sessions during Each Year, both to be at New Bedford. It was finally voted, that for the present, that should be the plan. Two children were present from Westport Point and they kindly gave two good recitations.
The Address of the Evening was by Ruth F. Murray, on "The Effects of Bible Teaching — Intellectually, Morally & Spiritually". We all know the Bible is an Educator by looking at Countries where it is not known. Let us particularly note the Effect of the Bible among the Syrians, at Ramallah. 1st Intellectually — The Bible quickens their mental faculties and the Syrians need to cultivate their perception. They study it a great deal and can repeat very much of it by rote. They take it literally — as a Guide and Monitor of life. 2nd Morally. It teaches them reverence for marriage rites, respect for their wives & children. The Syrians are a very jealous & quarrelsome people, but the Bible helps Peace among them — teaches them there must be neither fighting nor war. She spoke of the Syrian custom of passing Coffee, to Callers and the trouble that caused the first time it was passed first to the women. The change in those at Ramallah has been very rapid & marked. Some of the men now actually

call around with their names; go with them to meeting and wait for them after the meeting. 3rd Spiritually. They find the Bible to be of great help when sick & dying. Many find forgiveness. The Bible is Christianizing, Civilizing, Elevating, and more than all that; gives them that which will save their souls.

Geo. Wood expressed his interest in the address, and said the old Arab Race had done a great deal for the world, now America is paying back somewhat, by teaching them the Bible!

The Chairman voted the Conference in expressing thanks to the speaker of the Evening and to the Children who so kindly assisted in the Exercises.

After a season of Prayer, the Conference closed to meet at New Bedford in the 12mo, if the Lord permit.

Statistical Report of the Schools, for the Quarter Ending 4mo 2nd 1891.

	Membership —	Am. Attendance
Allen's Neck —	91	53
Mattakeesett,	30	20
Smith's Neck,	50	28
Apponegansett,	50	23
Central District,	41	30
New Bedford,	196	113
Acushnet,	15	11
Long Plain,	50	19
Total,	468.	279.

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held at New Bedford 12 mo. 2nd 1891. The session was opened by reading the 91st Psalm.
~~Reports from the schools~~.
The minutes of the last conference were read and accepted.
Reports from the schools at Allen's Neck, Mattapoisett, Smith's Neck, Central Village, New Bedford, Long Plain, & Acushnet, Sandwich were then read. The question of "How to Keep the older boys in the First Day School," came up from Mattapoisett, but little discussion was had on the subject.
Elizabeth S. Larkin then addressed the meeting on mission work both home & foreign. Christ's command to his disciples was, Go ye first to the twelve tribes of Isreal, & afterward to "Every creature," & all nations
One reason for so little enthusiasm is because so little is seen. The United States is a great country. In it there are 253.000 Indians, 56.000 of whom have never heard the name of Jesus. There are 48.877 Indian children between the ages of six and sixteen years.
There are twelve millions of negroes & 15 millions of foreigners.
It was stated that in the West some Friends are so poor that they are obliged to send their children to Roman Catholic schools, in order that they may get any schooling at all.
It has been found to be a most effective way to reach the heathen by converting one of their number, & letting that one teach others.
An anecdote was told of a young girl who spent eight years as a missionary in Turkey with no apparent result, other than to return with broken health, & utter discouragement. She afterwards married

a clergyman and settled in Worcester. Soon after a colony of 800 Armenians arrived and settled in the city, & by her intimate knowledge of their manners, and language, she and her husband did a grand work among them.

The speaker then told of the temperance work recently carried on in Lynn, Mass. 1500 were raised at one meeting with which to fight the demon of strong drink.

The envelope system of giving recently introduced into our Weekly Meeting was highly endorsed, all that it lacked was opportunity to assist in doing good to every ones attention.

After thanking Elizabeth S. Larkin for her interesting address. The Conference adjourned to meet at New Bedford in 4th mo. 1892 if the Lord permit

Elizabeth C. M. Gifford.
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Statistical Report of the Schools, for the Quarter ending ~~12th mo.~~ 2nd mo. 1891.

	Membership	Ave. Attendance
Allens Neck.	88	52
Matta poisett.	29	17
Smith's Neck.	48	18 1/2
Apponegansett.	No report.	
Central Village.	37	26
New Bedford	186	97
Long Plain	29	17
Acushnet	11	10
	428	237 1/2

Corresponding Committee.

— P. O Addresses —

1	Allens Neck.	Mrs Hattie A Tallman	So. Westport.
2	Mattapoisett.	Joshua L Macomber	Mattapoisett.
3	Smith's Neck.	E. L. Faunce	So. Dartmouth.
4	Apponegansett.	Geo. Jenks (Russell Mills)	Dartmouth.
5	Central Village.	Lizzie S. Macomber	Central Village.
6	New Bedford.	Mary B. Smith	New Bedford
7	Long Plain.	Richard Davis	Long Plain
8	Acushnet	Wm. H. Gardner	Acushnet

The Olive Branch Conference of Friends Sunday School met at Olive Branch 4th mo. 6th 1893. The Secretary was absent and Elizabeth Griffith was chosen for the morning.

The reports were called for. Chairman who read a Report of Conference after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A long time for the election of new officers. Lydia Hoag and Elizabeth Griffith were chosen as nominating committee.

The reports of the various schools under the care of the conference were then read. They all showed a great deal of interest on the part of both teachers and scholars and very good were given. There have been additions to the membership of both and in the aggregate a decrease of twenty eight since last report.

The committee now brought in the names of Solomon Griffith for Chairman and Elwood Jenkins for Secretary.

The question for the morning was, "What can we do to keep our Sabbath Schools interested?"

Sarah A. Stubbs, who has been a successful teacher of a class of boys in the School for some years, gave her plan of work. She considers it necessary for each teacher to go to the school room early, greet each boy and girl kindly, learn by name and study the lesson, that it is the teacher's duty to look after the absentees

[illegible] I shall [illegible] be so interested in their every day life and [illegible] that each scholar and the duties and [illegible] of the first week; to change them [illegible] in mind that many are [illegible] little. The fruits [illegible] election of officers the last week [illegible] to be learned. [illegible] said that one [illegible] should be [illegible] in the very [illegible] [illegible] & the [illegible] which [illegible] great value. Before [illegible] today on the "Characteristics of a successful Bible Teacher". The [illegible] a successful teacher must have a thorough knowledge of, and [illegible] for the Bible, must believe its teachings implicitly, must be thoroughly imbued with the truths to be taught and must love the work. More than this, the teacher must possess great faith, patience and perseverance, and a love which is not easily discouraged for which endureth all things and withstandeth all things.

Many [illegible] should read a selection from [illegible] Revised Papers [illegible] the successful teacher.

After a few minutes of silence the Conference [illegible] to meet in Allen Street [illegible] 1st mo. 11th 1873 if the Lord be willing.

Sarah H. Cartland Secy. pro tem.

Statistical Report of the Schools for the Quarter ending 4th mo. 6th 1872.

	Number in	Average attendance
Allen's St.	93	56
Matthews St.	22	17
Smith's Ct.	53	26
Adams St.	38	25
Central College	85	21
New Bedford	186	107
Long Plain	31	12
Colchester	15	11
	473	275 6/13

Friends' Bible School Conference was held 1st mo. 11th 1893 beginning at 7.30 P. M.

It was opened by the reading of Nehemiah VIII 1 to 9 by the President John A. Macomber P., after which William Thompson offered prayer. The secretary then presented the minutes of the last meeting and the reports from the different schools. Several of them spoke of excellent results from their work and only one, Benezhet, failed to furnish information in regard to itself.

Anna R. Holmes gave some introductory remarks on the place of the Bible in education and Helen L. Seabury read a short poem outlining the plan of work for the evening. It was decided that the topic for discussion should be "The Bible and the Bible School" and that this should be viewed from slightly different positions in order that a larger and clearer conception of the subject might be obtained, just as a better picture is secured in looking through a stereoscope by the blending of slightly varied views.

A. W. Gifford gave the outlook from the superintendent's platform, Ida Fridy read an original paper on the "Model" Pastor's Relation from a Pastoral standpoint, Sarah Fawkes and Sarah A. Taber looked at the subject with teachers eyes and Gertrude P. Smith represented the Primary Department. Anna R. Howland then gave a practical use of the workings of the Library of the school. Eliza A. Gifford directed the attention of the audience to the subject of Temperance.

Then like the lenses reflecting the rays of light which each one had been able to throw, William Thompson clearly and forcibly focussed the thoughts of the workers upon Christ who should be in all Bible or Temperance activity the central point.

The Conference then adjourned to meet again 4th mo. 12th if the Lord permit.

Mary B. Seabury
Secretary.

Statistical returns of the schools 1st mo. 11th 1898.

	Membership.	Ave. Attendance.	No of Classes.	Increase of members.
1. [illegible]	112	56	9	11
2. Mattaponsett	24	16	3	2
3. Smithfield	43	25	6	10
4. [illegible] closed [illegible]				
5. Central Village	85	23		0
6. New Bedford	194	100	15	8
7 Long Plain	26	14	2	5
8. Acushnet	—	—	—	—

Names reading Secretarys

P. O. Address.

1. Allens Neck — Hattie L. Tallman, Ox. Westport Mass.
2. Mattapoisett, Joshua Macomber, East Mattapoisett Mass
3. Smiths Neck, C. L. Tanner, So. Dartmouth Mass
4. Apponagansett,
5. Central Village, Lizzie C. Macomber, Central Village Mass
6. New Bedford, Mary F. Smith, 55 Cottage St, New Bedford Mass
7. Long Plain, Richard Davis, Long Plain Mass.
8. Acushnet M. H. Gardner, Acushnet Mass.

Names of Teachers —

1. Allens Neck — Hannah Sherman, Sarah F. Potter, Hattie L. Tallman,
Hannah B. Manchester, Hannah L. Sherman, Jennie E. Wood,
Henry L. Slocum, Erastus Potter, Ethan A. Wood.
2. Mattapoisett, — Joshua L. Macomber, Mary Annie, Emma Jane
3. Smiths Neck — C. L. Tanner, Jo. H. Smith, F. L. Small,
C. S. H. Wood, Sarah Smith, Rose L. Smith.
4. Apponagansett.
5. Central Village — Mary B. Gifford, William C. Gifford
Lizzie A. Gifford, Annie M. Gifford, Lizzie S. Macomber
6. New Bedford, — Emma C. Wood, Adelaide Nye,
Susan Thompson, Sarah H. Tabor, Susan Seabury,
Emma B. Tabor, Mary D. Seabury, Hattie Griffith,
Helen A. Seabury, Sarah Howland, Gertrude F. Smith,
Alice Howland, Stella Potter, Addie Weightman,
Shaw Bliss.
7. Long Plain, Mary Hatfield, Daniel Davis.
8. Acushnet —

The Bible School Conference

A Sunday School meeting was held in the Friends Meeting House on 2nd day the 12th of 3rd mo. 1903.

After the opening exercises the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted and the reports from the different schools presented and considered.

It was then that the different representatives of the different schools might carry back to their work a better understanding of the country where our Saviour lived and taught, and from the customs of which he drew so many of his illustrations a lecture on the Holy Land was delivered, made vivid by Lantern slides.

These were very kindly loaned by Timothy Hussey of No. Berwick Maine and they included some interesting pictures of the Friends' Mission at Ramallah together with groups of the Syrian children.

William and Susan Thompson as well qualified for the task for their several journeyings, both gave valuable information upon the subject chosen for the evening.

After the election of new officers Sarah E. Eaton was appointed President and Catherine Howland, secretary.

The conference adjourned to meet again 4th mo. 11th at the Lord knows.

Mary R. Leavitt.
Secretary.

The Bible School Conference of Rhode Island Yearly Meeting of Friends held in New Bedford 10th Mo. 10th 1894.

The Conference opened with the reading of selections from the 6th Chap. of Matthew, after which prayer was offered by Ruth S. Harris.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved, and the reports of the different Sabbath Schools were read, showing an increase in membership of 17 over the report of last year.

Benjamin F. Trueblood, Secretary of the American Peace Society, then delivered an address on the Message of Peace.

He said that it might seem singular to deliver such an address before members of the Society of Friends, but he had found in his journeyings, even among Friends, here and there one who did not understand the true principles of Peace.

He said that even in ancient times we hear of Peace, and it was not an unusual thing for the people in those days to declare a truce and a cessation of hostilities between nations, but it was not until Christ, the Prince of Peace, the Teacher of Peace came, that the people were taught the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God and that lesson of Love that teached us to forgive our enemies.

About two hundred and fifty years ago George Fox in the midst of turmoil and confusion, came out from the old priests

religion and established we may almost say a new religion, a creed of Friends, in which Peace, love to our neighbor, and the settlement of difficulties by arbitration was one of the chief doctrines — And from that day to this Friends have endeavored to remember his teachings.

It was not until the beginning of the present century that people, other than Friends, became interested in the subject. They realized the cruelty of war, and felt that many times, by wise management troubles between nations could be amicably adjusted. From that small beginning the Peace Societies have spread throughout the different states of the Union, and to-day in almost every nation in Europe there are Societies earnestly laboring for Peace among the nations.

To prove that Arbitration had been successful it was shown that since the formation of the first Peace Society, in the United States alone, more than seventy cases had been settled in that way.

A very interesting account of the Peace Conference at Chicago was given — where representatives from nations all over the world met to discuss the one subject — Peace — and the best way of maintaining it — between the nations and praying earnestly for the day when nations shall not ~~learn war~~ lift up sword against

action, neither shall they learn war
any more.

The address was listened to with the closest attention. After a few moments of silence prayer was offered by Benjamin Bloodgood and the Conference adjourned to meet at Dan. 11 if the Lord permit.

Catherine Hopkins
Sec.

Statistical Reports of the Schools 1st Nov 15th 1894

	Membership	Av. Attendance	No. Classes	Increase of membership
Allen's Neck	97	51	9	
Mattapoisett	26	17	3	2
Smith's Neck	60	29	6	17
Central Village	46	33	5	11
Central Village	55 Wayside	Mission 27	5	
West Bedford	183	103	13	
Long Plain	25	14	3	1
Acushnet	10	7	1	

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich County, Meeting was held in New Bedford 4th Dec. 11, 1894.

The Session was opened by the Chairman reading the 14th Chap. of Exodus The crossing of the Red Sea by the children of Israel, guided by Moses who was under the leadership of the Great Jehovah.

After a short Prayer the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted — Then followed the reports of the different Schools under the care of the Conference. The previous reports showed a membership of 502 and the present 485 a decrease of 17. This has not considered to arise from a lack of interest in the schools but being the Winter Session, many of the smaller children in the country were unable to attend.

The time for which the officers of this Conference were appointed having expired — Susan Seabury and Bessie Wing were chosen as nominating Committee. They brought in the names of Sarah H. Tabor for Chairman and Catherine Howland for Secretary, which being united with they were appointed for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

There being no further business the attention of the Conference was called to the reading of an essay prepared by Ruth L. Murray on the Lives of Joseph and Moses.

She said that there were people who did not believe in the Bible doubted it — and looked upon it as a collection of myths and legends, but within the last

few years' earnest scholarship, she pictured that she would be able to decipher the records carved in the imperishable stone — that she would bring to light from the dust of centuries buried and forgotten truths which would establish beyond doubt the authenticity of the Bible.

She is entranced with the youth Joseph — the lad feeding the flocks, beloved by his father but envied and hated by his brethren. To be forever rid of them, sold by them, as the story proceeds, into perpetual slavery — but rising step by step until he becomes governor over all the land of Egypt — and then with the childhood of Moses — the babe in his bulrush cradle —, rocked by the waves of the Nile — followed from through the turbulent events of his life — a lawgiver and leader of his people, until from Pisgah's heights he sees stretched before him, in all its beauty, the Land of Promise — the promised land, to be seen by him, but never entered. Comparing the two she finds that both "obedience to God" seems to have been the requisite of their lives.

The essay is profusely illustrated by the stereopticon. That is especially appropriate at this time as the lessons in the primary class are to be on the lives of these two great personages. It was very interesting and those teachers who have privilege to hear it, must have obtained

Grand Council of ...
... of Thanks passed & recorded
to Mrs. L. Hussey and also to
the Indian Agents Letters &c
Correspondence referred to 1st Mon. 1895
of the Grand Council
Catherine Copeland
Secy.

Statistical reports of the Schools for Mo. 11 - 1894

	Membership	Ave attendance	Classes	Indus.
Allen's Creek	94	52	10	
Mattawaisell	25	17	3	
Smith's Creek	50	28 2/3	6	
Central Village	46	33	5	
Central Village	57 Wayside Mission		5	2
New Bedford	175	93	12	
Long Plain	28	13	3	3
Roseau River	10	6	1	

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Bedford, 1st Mo. 9 1895.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman reading selections from the 18 chap. of Matt. and 9 & 10 of Mark showing what the Savior thought of little children and what he said of them, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Next in order came the reports of the several schools within the limits of the Quarterly Meeting, showing an increase of 35 in membership over last quarter.

Encouraging reports were received of the missionary collections, and the number of books in the different libraries.

The Conference then listened to an address given by Sarah H. Taber on "The children of the Bible." She said she had been very much interested in preparing the lesson, & found that the first example in the Bible of the care of the Father towards a child was the case of the outcast Ishmael and, to-day that care is still carried out by the Lord's followers as seen in all our mission work.

The next in order was Isaac, the gentle, obedient child who yielded himself to the will of his father in the sacrifice. — Joseph, one of the most beautiful stories in the history of the world — another beloved son. God's purpose was established in the beginning. His trials only brought out the Divine

rest of his character — and at the close of his life he had to acknowledge that all had been in the will of the Almighty.

Moses preserved in his infancy and trained in that knowledge necessary to fulfill the purposes of the Most High. Samuel the child of a praying mother — given to the Lord in his youth and destined to perform a great work. — David — the brave youth — the true friend.

The sweet story of the little captive maid sending the great captain from his home to find cleansing in the waters of the Jordan. Josiah — king when he was 8 years old and doing right in the sight of the Lord. The courage of Daniel and his companions in that dissolute life in the dissolute palace.

We often wish that we knew more of the childhood of our Savior — We have only a few incidents — The worship of the shepherds — The flight into Egypt — His presentation in the temple, and when he was found with the Doctors at the end of the Passover. But it is enough to know that Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. The lesson that we could all take was this, "See that ye despise not one of these little ones."

Helen Hunt's Christmas Symphony was then read. A vote

[illegible] thanks has expended to Sarah H. Tabor. And after a few moments silence the meeting adjourned to meet at 1 P.M. D.V. if the Lord permit.

Catherine Howland
Sec'y.

[illegible] the Sabbath Schools [illegible]

	Membership	Av. attendance	No. Classes	Teachers
Allen's Neck	112	48	10	15
Mattapoisett	25	16	3	
Smith's Neck	56	29	7	6
Central Village	45		5	
	Rapid Transit			
Central Village	51	37	5	
Long Plain	31	16	3	3
Reformed	10	6	1	
North Dartmouth	160	83	13	

The Fifth Annual Conference
of Bedford County Meeting
was held in West Bedford
4th Mo. 10, 1895.

The Conference was opened
by the Chairman reading
the 121st Psalm the 2d Chapt of
Isaiah, after which the 3rd and
the last meeting was read
and approved.

The encouraging reports from
the different Schools belonging
to the Conference were then read
showing not only an increase
in Membership, but that in
some of the Schools a deep in-
terest had been awakened
among the scholars, and many
had been drawn to Christ.

The time for which the Officers
of this Conference were appointed
having expired, Wm T. Macomber,
Anna G. Wood, and Susan Seabury
were chosen as Nominating Com-
mittee. They brought in the
names of George R. Wood for
Chairman and Alice Howland
for Secretary which being united
with they were appointed for the
ensuing year, or until another
appointment.

There being no further business
Rufus M. Jones delivered a thought-
ful address upon the necessity of
a better understanding of the Bible.
He said that all Christians
could be divided into two classes.
1st Those who believe God far
removed from man, and that
we must do some great thing
to find His favor, and 2nd Those
who believe that God is not removed

from the start, that He has always been in touch with us, and that we are here because He has a plain work for us. The Bible is God's message to the world. It is not sufficient to read a chapter here and there and then lay down the book and perhaps think no more about it, but it should be studied book by book and then only can we get into a real understanding of the truths taught.

We are not to be content with a casual study, but to get down deep into the sacred words, then we shall find that God does speak directly to us.

The address was listened to with the closest attention. A vote of thanks was extended to Rufus M. Jones and after a few moments silence the Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford 1st Day, 9th mo. 4th of the week permit.

Alice Cornell Leonard, Sec.

Statistical reports of the Schools 4th mo 10, 1896

	Membership	Av. attendance	No. classes	Increase
Allen's Neck	102	42	10	
Matteponsett	20	15	3	
Smith's Neck	77	32	7	
Central Village	47	29	5	2
Wayside Mission				
Central Village	50	21	5	
Long Plain	33	18	3	2
Acushnet	10	6	1	
New Bedford	172	82	13	12

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich quarterly meeting was held in New Bedford, 1st. mo. 8th, 96.

The session was opened by the chairman, Geo. R. Wood, who read a portion of Scripture. After a short service of prayer the minutes of the last meeting and the reports of the various schools belonging to the Conference were read and approved. The statistics showed very favorable with those of the last report, in spite of much inclement weather, aside a little interest was manifested in the Sunday session; a First Day school which was established two years ago at Kirby's Corner in Central Village. Edward Wood told us it originally consisted of a few factious but interested young people, and it had steadily grown until it numbered sixty-nine.

He also mentioned a union service work begun at Russells Mills where the meeting house had been closed for several years, and which illustrated the fact that there is a wide field for mission work all through our outlying neighborhoods

He then spoke very interestingly on the subject of the Bible impressing upon us that we should live up to the light we have. We can never hope to fully understand all parts of the marvelous book — there are human limitations that render it impossible, but we can govern our teaching to that extent of our comprehension and then eternity will not be too long to understand God's dealing with men.

The practice of opening to any part of the Bible and accepting whatever we may read there is not to be approved. It was written for the guidance of all people through all ages and has withstood the criticisms of eighteen centuries without necessitating a change, but there are

words which are not Divine may be written through his inspiration, and we must learn to read understandingly, - not to apply part of texts to fit individual cases, as practice of critics, much renders the original and perfect meaning void.

William Thompson then corroborated all Edward Ford had said and in turn impressed upon our teachers to thoroughly understand the Word themselves before they could hope to help others.

After the closing minutes the conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford 4th mo. next if the Lord permits.

Alyce Cornell Howland, Sec.

Statistical report of the schools 1st Mo. 8th. '96

	Membership	Av. attendance	No. Classes	
Mattakoisett	20	13	3	
Central Village	55	33	5	8
Wayside Mission	49	25	5	1
Long Plain	34	25	3	1
Allens Neck	98	49	10	
Acushnet	10	6	1	
Smiths Neck	38	29	6	
New Bedford	174	81	14	2

The Bible School Conference of the Sandwich quarterly meeting was held in New Bedford 4th month 5th, '96.

The Chairman Geo. R. Wood opened the session by reading the first chapter of the first book of James. After a moment of silence the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and then followed the report of the schools. As is often the case, there was a slight decrease in membership owing to the fact that the winter weather keeps many of the smaller ones at home.

A committee of three, Helen Seabury, Bessie Wing, and Elizabeth S. H. Wood, was appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year. They reported that the same officers be re-elected and the nomination was approved with Geo. R. Wood chairman and Alys E. Howland, secretary.

Then followed the paper of the evening "The Credibility of the Scriptures." prepared and read by William Penn Macomber. It seemed to him rather late for us to question what had already been accepted as truth through so many centuries by our ancestors, though we do not believe simply because of their good example, Rather because of the manifestation to the heart of each individual of the truth of God's word. He divided his subject into two heads — first, the statements regarding its source and second, its results, both views showing us most suitable proof of the reliability. Among the witnesses of most testimonies we have

record in the Bible are Paul and Peter, the apostles and our Savior; among our early writers Calvin, Luncheus, Fox, Penn and a host of others who not only believed in the scriptures but that often the mere reading of them had brought conviction. As a tree is known by its fruit, so the Bible, judged from a standpoint of fruit is known to be true by the results it has borne throughout the centuries its influence has been spread among the children of God.

William Thompson then read a letter to Timothy Hussey from Hannah Bailey at the training home at Ramallah, and also spoke very earnestly of the need and advantages of having a permanent missionary to care for the girls and their interests.

The conf... then adjourned to meet in New Bedford first Thursday in 4th mo. next if the Lord permits.

Alys Howell C. Howland,
Secretaries.

Statistical Report of the schools 4th mo. 8-'96.

	Membership.	Av. Att.	No. Classes	Overage
Mattapoisett	20	13	3	
Central Village	49	26	5	
Wayside Mission	52	26	5	3
Long Plain	34	25	3	
Allens Neck	98	49	10	
Acushnet	10	6	1	
Smiths Neck	57	33	6	
New Bedford	156	64½	12	

The Bible School Conference of the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford, first month thirteenth, ninety seven.

After a moment of silence, Geo. K. Wood, opened the session by reading selections from the Scriptures exhorting us to study the bible, and search diligently for the truth.

The report of the previous conference being read and approved, a short period of discussion by the delegates of the schools followed. The one needs of them all seems to be interested workers and better teachers filled for the work and more interest in the school by the parents. The question regarding the scholars who attend other schools was brought up and it was generally thought to be a disadvantage to both teacher and pupil as the latter, having read the lesson before, has lost his first interest, and thus the teacher's effort to be in touch with her whole class is lost. In the out of town schools the average attendance was noticeably small because of inability of many of the younger members to attend the school during the winter weather, and the effort that is made to keep the schools open during this trying period ought to be fully appreciated. The Christian Endeavor Society of Central Village gathers quite a number of young people on Sunday evening, sometimes forty and more, and Mary E. Gifford thought these might be brought into the school if a little mission work might be done among them. It seems a great pity that such a course could not be accomplished and the membership of the school increased and thus, in its turn the meeting, for if it is not built up from the Bible School where shall we get the next generations of Friends? The First Day school is but the feeder of the Friends meeting

Geo. S. Budd the genl. sec. of the Y.M.C.A addressed the conference on the change of thought and the change of life in the past few years and their effect upon the Bible School of today. As philosophy becomes increasingly one of the strongest points of a college education, unless the students faith is firmly grounded in the Scriptures, it has a tendency to cause a too rigid dissection of emotions and to upset his faith. But as Mr. Watt, a graduate of Cornell said, he had never yet seen a student who had taken his philosophy with his Christianity who had not had his faith strengthened and more firmly rooted by the combination. Again, as Mr. Budd said, the change in the home life of today, and the yesterday of the past half century has greatly changed. The study of the bible, through the many demands of social life and study and lack of time. The evenings of our young people are too fully taken up to have time for the deep meditation necessary to a full appreciation and understanding. Activity and organization in all branches, bible school, Christian Endeavor, and League work have superceeded meditation and thought. And again, the light popular reading of the home has consigned to the depths of the bookshelves the deeper works where deep is so necessary to bible study. Another point Mr. Budd brought out was the wrong use of lesson helps and leaflets. They are to aid in preparing the lesson in the home not be brought the class where the scholar simply reads his lesson from them without recourse to his bible, and in this way have they become a hindrance when they should be a help. The young people of today are ours, through our bible schools, to make and to hold, and to this end we cannot be too careful of the adaptability of our teachers to their work which alone can bring them into that contact with the scholars which must exist to gain the results in need.

The conference then adjourned, to meet at New Bedford, fourth month next if the Lord permits.

Alice Cornell Howland.
Secretary.

Statistical Report of the Schools, 1st month 13, '97

	Membership.	Av. Att.	No. Classes.	Inc
Mallāpuzhā	22	15	3	
Central Village	49	21	5	
Wayside Mission	43	16	4	
Long Plain	54	25	3	
Allens Neck	78	47	10	
Acushnet	10	6	1	
Smiths Neck	48	26	6	
New Bedford	157	69	12	

The Bible School Conference of the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford 4th mo. 7th, 97.

The session was opened, after a moment of silence by the chairman, George R. Wood, who read a portion of the Scriptures.

After the report of the last conference had been read and approved a committee was chosen for the selection of officers for the ensuing year, and the names of Mary B. Seabury and Eloise A. Hafford were presented and accepted for the positions of chairwoman and secretary respectively.

The subject of the evening was "The Conference - its aid to the schools, and the Bible, in relation to scientific research," was read by Mary B. Seabury assisted by several of the audience. The way to keep the school of interest and of benefit to the scholars was very plainly pointed out to be the duty of the workers, and to this point both teachers and scholars must become earnest and willing workers. The author took for an illustration one that will bear a repetition. "When anything is to be made magnetic an ordinary wire is passed around it and then another, and another turn is given so that the little energy which each can bring is accumulated and the work is done by the aggregate. When a specialist has calculated how many loops of wire will bring sufficient current to accomplish a result, if some of the loops slip off under the impression that their work is not amount to much, which is responsible for the failure in efficiency - how many are left?" In unity there is strength and with a combined effort we

cannot hope to see our schools forging ahead, as they should.

In regard to the search lights, or X rays we might term them, of philosophy, geology, astronomy, geography, antiquarian research these manipulators, have been busy trying to show by these powerful aids the predominance of the fake among the truths of the Bible, the result has been to prove these sciences rather the aids of the investigated instead of the investigators, and in each case they have become the handmaidens of revelation and we have nothing to fear from any discoveries that can be made in the heavens above, or the earth beneath, or the waters under the earth.

Samuel Beck addressed the conference very briefly and tenderly on the death of our dear friend Isaac Shark, after which the conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford first month next if the Lord permits

Alice Howland, Sec.

Statistic Report of the Schools 4th mo. 7th, '97.

	Mem.	Av. Att.	No. Classes	Exc.
Mattapoisett	20	12	2	
Central Village	44	27	5	
Wayside Mission	46	14	4	3
Long Plain	35	12	3	1
Allens Neck	78	48	9	
Acushnet	9	7	1	
Smiths Neck	47	26	6	
New Bedford	159	68	12	2

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Indian Mtg was held in New Bedford 1.12.1898.

An extract from the eleventh chapter of Luke was read after which Charles H. Jones appeared in supplication

A short Bible Reading was read given on the subject of Prayer, after which some statistics were read by the Secretary, also the reports read from the various schools. In 1897 the whole number of friends in the world was 112,413 an increase of 2,114 over the preceding year.

George Ward from the South then spoke upon "What the Bible is doing". It would be easier, he said to tell what it is not doing, for wherever the Bible is taught, it wields a tendering influence, for it is the handmaid of civilization. The greater knowledge people possess of the Bible the more refinement they show, the less are the women downtrodden, for the man who has been moved by Bible teaching is not in a position when he expects his wife to chop wood and hoe corn.

Charles Goddard spoke from personal experience upon the effects of Bible Teaching among the Indians. He said in opening that Sandwich Indian Mtg conference was the mother of all conferences.

He spoke of the difficulties of the work among the Indians, and said that the Indians was human and that he must be treated as such. The Indians do not make inspiring audiences for they seldom seem to pay the slightest attention to the speaker. In the Schools it is somewhat more encouraging for there [illegible] is invariably learned, never read, as so often is the case among others.

The Israelites especially interests the redman for the similarity in their lives appeals as little else does.

The culmination of their home life is the great need. This can be largely accomplished by the training of the girls but we must not expect

to civilize the Indians in one generation alone.

Charles H. Jones spoke of how to study the Bible. He said that the Bible was not a book to be read but studied as something pertaining to here and the hereafter. The is no difficulty in harmonizing part with part, for each part is in harmony with all.

We are to study for our personal advantage that we many understand,

1st God's thought concerning man when He spoke man into existance,

2d God's thought when He gave Him Holy Spirit,

3d God's thought in providing mansions in glory for every creature who will accept Him.

Primarily, we are to find God's relation to man, secondarily; man's relation to God.

No one should offer the Bible to the world unless he is prepared to offer the Bible in his own life.

It is not the quantity of our study but the quality that tells, and again, the Holy Spirit does not bring to our remembrance that which we have never learned.

William Thompson gave an outline of the work of the English adult schools, begun by Joseph Singe. The attendance is from the ranks of the working men and boys who are largely illiterate they are taught first to read and write and then from the Scriptures.

Jesse H. Moore gave a brief talk on Bible helps and how to use them and Susan L. Thompson spoke of the work in Norway.

An extract was read from George Fox workings and the Conference adjourned to meet in New York fourth month next if the Lord permit.

Elouise A. Haffond
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Statistical Report of Schools 1.12.1898.

	Mem	Av. Attend.	No. Class	Increase
E. Nantucket.	20	17	3	
Central Village	48	25	3	4
Wayside Mission	46	14	4	
New Bedford.	70 41	47.5	9	
Long Plain	35	17	3	
* Decrease on account of change of hour of session				
Allens Neck	80	51	9	
Smiths "	50	31	5	

The Friends' Quarterly Meeting Conference was held as usual last 4th month almost literally on the eve of the declaration of the war with Spain. It was fortunate in having as the speaker of the occasion Benjamin F. Trueblood of Boston and, the attendance being large, it was held sometime in the meeting house proper.

The address was on the Cuban Question from a Peace Standpoint" and was, as might have been expected from such a prominent worker, earnest and up to date. The whole lecture served as a vigorous protest against a war with Spain which the Friends of Peace were powerless to prevent. "But intelligent protest is always useful practical work. Much of the best work of the world has been of this sort. It is often heroic work done in the face of misrepresentation and persecution. xxx It fails for the time, but it leaves a vital spark - that enduring fund of advanced thought and moral force which by and by shall leave all of us one week moving the world forward."

A. B. S. for the Superintendent
Edward A. Hazard.

Statistical Report of Schools 4th Qr 1898.

	Enrol.	Av. Atten.	No. Class
E. Prattsfield Central Village	23	14	3
Hayride Mission	24	13	3
New Bedford	9½	6½	1
Long Plain	3½	1	3
Allen's Creek	80	43	1
Smith's Creek	48	27¼	5

The Bible School Conference of Pendrell Quarterly Meeting held in New Bedford 1st Qr 1899 opened with Scripture Reading, followed by prayer for help & guidance during the next Year. The Secretary being absent, Anna R. Moreland was elected to serve for the Evening.
After the usual School Reports (found below) the subject of the Evening, "Helpful Thoughts & Texts for the New Year", was taken up; many instructive & inspiring directions from Dr Cuyler on how to reach a higher plane, were read by different members of the Conference & voluntary contributions of helpful thoughts for the New Year were then asked for and Susan Thompson Knight one of the most consistent, "You shall be remembered before the Lord and shall be cared from all the Enemies" Lillian Thompson said it would be well for all to remember & dwell upon the following texts during the new Year, "Patient Continuance in well-doing" "My word shall not return unto me void" and "I will be with you always, even unto the End". The Committee appointed to nominate new officers for the ensuing Year - brought in the names of Mary B. Tanner for Chairman & Anna R. Moreland Secy. After a few words of silence the Conference adjourned to meet 1st Qr 2d, if the Lord permit.

A. R. Moreland, Secy. pro tem

Statistical Report of Sabbath Schools 1st Q 1897

	Hom.	Rec. Teach.	2nd Class.
East Wattapoisett	20	17	3
Allens Neck	79	40	9
Smiths Neck	49	30 2 9	6
New Bedford	79	56	7

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held in New Bedford 4mo. 11th 1897.
The meeting was opened by reading a part of the fifth chapter of Matt. followed by prayer.
The Record of the last conference was read.
The time for the seving of the officers having expired, a committee consisting of Geo. R. Wood and Mary L. Bayliss were appointed to bring forward new names.
The usual reports from the various schools were then read. followed by extracts of letters by Dr Richard — Thomas in the "Friends Review" and "Friends Intelligencer"
Geo. R. Wood reported for the committee that they had chosen Phebe A.L. Smith as chairman and Susan Jones for secretary and they all appointed by the meeting
Elizabeth S. Price read Kiplings "Recessional" followed by an anecdote entitled "Finding the Gate" read by Carrie S Jones.
There were several other selections to be read on Peace leading up to the subject of the evening the Dukhobortsi but they were omitted.
Job Gidley spoke very interestingly of his plans among the Dukhobortsi people who came across the seas to find a place where they could do as they felt right.
Dukhobortsi is two Russian words meaning Spirit Wrestlers and have lived in Russia a persecuted people for one hundred years. They were driven from Russia at the point of the gun, and received in Canada with a warm welcome from the officials.
Canada has done much for this people

passed a special law relieving them from martial duty, and gives to each man one eighteen 16 acres of land. When the vessel containing them reached Halifax they stood upon the deck, & sang a hymn "The Lord is with us, he has carried us through". The captain of the vessel said, that all through that long voyage he had never heard a cross word or seen a quarrel. They are a people who are very grateful for anything that is done for them.

The worship is very simple they sing hymns, and both men and women speak, when it is time to close the leader steps out, a man comes up to him kisses him, shakes his hand, then another comes and come up and do the same thing until they had all done it, and the women do the same among the women, this breaks up the meeting.

At the close of the address, questions were asked which added much to the interest,

After thanking Job Gidley for his most interesting address, the Conference adjourned to meet at New Bedford 1st mo. 1900 if the Lord permit.

Elizabeth L. M. Gifford
Sec. pro-tem.

Statistical Reports of Schools 4 mo 1899.

	men	av attn.	no classes
Mattapoisett	18	7	2.
Wayside Mission.	29	12	3
Long Plain	35	12	3
Sconticut Neck	49	29	3
Allens Neck	80	56	9
New Bedford	82	42	7

The Bible Sunday Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford Twelfth of First Month Nineteen Hundred. After a few moments of silent waiting upon the Lord the Conference was opened by the reading of the Nineteenth Psalm. Followed by prayer by Charles H. Jones. Next in order came the reports from the several schools within the limits of the Quarterly Meeting. Ten of the schools were heard from having a total membership of Three hundred and Fifty-Nine with an average attendance of Two hundred and seven. A Query from was read by Elwin H. Tafford and then an address by Charles H. Jones on Systematic Bible Study. He did not wish to censure but he thought we should make a business of studying the bible. Memorizing much of it. He said if we insisted to avoid making the method blunders one often heard when teaching it. And I quote the Bible we must give the same attention to its study that we did to our studies of importance. He emphasized the importance of parents attending Bible School saying it was much easier to induce the children to attend when we said "come" than when we said "go." He closed his remarks by urging us to stand on ground with Bible truths.

Jesse Hutchinson thanked the Chairman for inviting him to speak but before he had time for others. Franklyn Tolland began his remarks by referring to his Quaker ancestry and said he did not feel he could be to the advantage to come over bodily to the Society. He hoped a great revival would add many members to the meeting and fill the house that had just been so nicely renovated. He urged the importance of believing the Bible literally. He said he was one with no a Place and No Education, since he had seen two horrors and cruelty of war he had become convinced that war was not justifiable. He said every act of his life should be based on the Bible. He earnestly spoke of the need of

accepting the guidance of the Holy Spirit in Bible Study. He told of a man who had been wonderfully successful in teaching, and upon being asked the secret of that success, replied, "The power of the Holy Ghost in his own soul." Knowing what a teacher is to do, and he must have God in his own heart. He closed by saying he prayed the day might soon come when all difficulties would be settled by Revelation. After the Chairman had thanked the Speakers of the evening the Conference adjourned to meet at New Bedford Eleventh of Fourth Month Nineteen Hundred if the Lord permit.

Susan G. H. Jones. Sec.

Statistical Report of Schools 1st mo 1900

	Mem.	Av. At.	No of Classes
Quaker Hill	17	13	2
Wayside Mission	27	8	3
Long Plain	26	13	3
Smiths Neck	48	27	6
Allens Neck	85	45	9
Central Village	48	31	5
Acushnet	13	12	1
Sandwich	10	7	1
W. Falmouth	12	6	1
New Bedford	79	55	7
	365	237	

The Bible School Conference of Lord's
Creek Township Sunday School held at
New Bedford Eleventh of June Nineteen
Hundred Seventeen Hundred.

The Conference was opened with a short
period of silent meditation after the Lord's
Prayer Chairman read the Two Hundred and
Eleventh Psalm. The Secretary of last
Conference was called and Officers
George R. Woodward and Sarah A. Tolman were
appointed to bring forward names for
officers of the Conference for the ensuing
year.

Bible Text for Peace Concert was read
by Carolyn A. Lewis. The subject was
Wisdom by Anna S. Emerson of Lincoln
Heights, and Singing School was held
at conclusion of exercises for children possessions that
Sarah A. Brown to ... and
Engage: I can't imagine why my boys are
so eager ... Jim ... Jim ... Jim ... with
anything else. I certainly hope ... will
Be in ... at home." Hetty's mother had
Warned her little boys in Soldier Suits and from
boyhood's hour ... —
Nominating Committee ... the
Conference ... the
Conference ... Chairman ... the
Conference ... Chairman ... the
Conference ... Chairman

Of Peter Selinghast who loved and
[illegible] saying the only thing he can
[illegible] who his hanging a little mic-
[illegible] by [illegible] that day school had having been
[illegible] etc. [illegible] of Remedy to show how powerful
[illegible] smarter he was than the white boys more than
[illegible] the foreign first day schools. Sir
[illegible] [illegible] Compton the Commissioner
[illegible] [illegible] school Thomas Tindal belonged
[illegible] boys you can soar with angels or crouch with
[illegible] [illegible] speaking of the way the
[illegible] [illegible] the strongest white men
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Edward Rowley
[illegible] [illegible] left on record his
opinion of the Bible Creeds Lincoln, Grant
and many others as commending it.
He thought as boys grow older the time
[illegible] average person spent in Sabbath school
the gospel should be constructed in the lessons
given to the life of Christ during that time.
A few minutes each first day might be spent
[illegible] [illegible] in addition to the
regular lesson. He gave us an outline that
could be easily followed with much profit.
Namely The Setting: The man: The Flight to
Egypt. Its regard: First Impression. Baptism
Temptation. First Disciple. First miracle. Nicodemus
Woman of Samaria. Notes on the Great Commission
and Ascension. He said the more one knows
the Bible the better he loved it. He had memorized
the book of John and for that reason loved it better
than any other book. He closed by saying that
it was impossible for anyone to live as Christ in his
own strength but that He was always ready to
help us and was as ready to be with us in joy
as in sorrow saying in proof that Jesus was
most at home at the wedding as at the bedside
of sorrow. He also
[illegible] in Galilee. He said Jesus would like
to step into each one of our lives and he desired
we might know more of His walking with us
and that we might be lighter.

The Conference closed with some earnest words from the Chairman, and a hearty vote of thanks for the address given by Thomas Ford. Agreeing to meet again on the Ninth of First month. Nineteen Hundred and One if the Lord permit

Susan G. H. Jones. Sec.

Statistical Reports of Yearly Meeting, &c.

Total [illegible]	17	13	2
[illegible] Division	27	8	3
[illegible]	26	12	2
		45	9
	48	31	5
	13	12	1
	10	7	1
	12	6	1
	72	55	7
	365	237	

[illegible] 1901
God prayer was offered by William P. Macomber.
The Chairman read the first Chapter of James.
The reports from various schools in the
[illegible] read and the minutes of last Con.
vention were approved. The Infant Class be-
longing to the Hartford First day school
gave a very interesting recitation showing the
[illegible] of the Line of Study recom-
mended by Sunday School at our last Conference.
[illegible] followed by an essay by Clara P. Hafford,
[illegible] which the child may
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] learn in some measure at
[illegible] E.
[illegible] that it was a place to learn
[illegible] words that the previous speakers had
[illegible] not to merely read over the lesson one
[illegible] day might but to read the daily lessons
[illegible] He spoke of duty as one of the highest [illegible]
[illegible] is grand. He thought individuality one
[illegible] helps in teaching. also combined. must

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in Lee Hilland, Ind. 1 Month 1st 1911

After a period of silent waiting upon God Wm. Thompson arose and in supplication followed by the Chairman reading part of the 119th. Psalm. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. The time having arrived for the election of new officers for the Conference a committee consisting of John Ford and Susan Thompson was chosen to nominate such officers and brought in the name of Annie Lever for Chairman and Carolyn E. Jones as Secretary. Be the former declined to accept. Anna R. Hollard kindly agreed to become Chairman. A verbal report which she is by force of circumstances Allens Neck Bible School was interesting. Hannah Thompson said the alterations recently made in the Long Island meeting house had improved Bible School work while the work was being done but that now finished School would again commence. Caleb L. Jenkins of Boston gave an excellent address using for a text "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," Among the essentials to make a good teacher in Bible school work he said one should know the truth and knowing it should do it. Not merely to admit it but really know it and live in it. Not only call the children to "go" but be able to say "Come with me" He spoke of one teacher he had when he was a boy who always looked sad, even smiled sad and yet that teacher had a strong influence and made a deep impression upon Caleb Jenkins heart because he knew him to have been good. good to the core and very anxious to lead his pupils to Christ. He felt there was so much connected with Bible study, Historical, and Geographical that given to Christian, and Evangelical truth that would make children wise unto salvation. He spoke of the importance of the Bible as a spiritual food but how people should be fed, good and bad, as spiritual food. He showed the necessity of prayer before, during and after reading the Bible. The secret of success in Bible School work, he said was to pray much before, during and after the lesson. He said nothing to what God would have us do but asked if we should not go home to practice what had been revealed, to make it ours, and to take the leading [illegible] of all Quarterly

and depending upon Bible with reference and to the Holy Spirit for guidance.

Frederick Ritter was then called upon and said that the memory of the many chapters of the Bible he learned in the Providence School had given him the idea to ask the children of the New Bedford school to memorize and the result seemed to be very good.

Wm. Hampson said his first introduction into S.S. work as a teacher was forty years ago and he had found the longer he studied it the more there was in it and in that respect it was very different from the many books one out grows. He urged upon us all the benefit we could derive from earnest study of the Bible.

The Chairman called for a vote of thanks for those who had spoken which was very cordially given and Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford on First Month 1903 if the Lord permit.

Susan G. H. Jones. Sec.

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held in New Bedford, 5th of First month 1902, opened with prayer by Wm. Thompson. After a brief period of silence, the chairman read Joel 2:21-32, she also read Acts 2:38-39. The report of the last conference was read and the secretary was requested to make one correction. Such reports of the first day schools, within limits of this Quarterly Meeting, as had been received, were read. Carolyn S. Jones asked permission to read a letter which John T. Tucker, a former superintendant, wrote to the New Bedford First-day School a few days before his death. The friend said that the letter revealed wonderfully to her because the writer was the instrument through which both she and her husband became interested in Friends and finally became members of the meeting. Wm. Thompson took up the address of the morning and dealt with the lesson in the morning First day. Acts 2 was read alternately, after which prayer and silence ensued. Both were helpful and uplifting. As Wm. Thompson had recently visited the Holy Land he cast much light on the topography of the lesson. The fact that Christ came and the heart of man became the temple of God was especially dwelt upon. God was bringing himself into relation with man in a new way no longer among men but in man. He who has an ear to hear should bear in mind that the time is at hand. She thought that not only was the Spirit given on the day of Pentecost but we were filled with the Holy Spirit now and then. The gift of God we need to be bright for and come into the kingdom with Him. All must have a contrite heart before the baptism with fire and thankfulness that they were counted worthy to suffer reproach in this glorious cause. Portsmouth adjourned to meet at the

of the 2nd Permit month of Fourth month 1902.
Caroline L. Cranes - Sec.

	Mem.	Av. attend.	Classes.
Mattapoisett	29	20	2
Smiths Neck	33	30	6
Mel Falmouth	12	10	1
Long Plain	16 + H.D. 15	9	2
New Bedford	90 + 4 = 30	48	6
Sandwich	11	7	1
Acushnet	26	13	2

The Bible School Conference met in New Bedford month of 4th month. The meeting was opened by the chairman who read 2nd Timothy 2 : 1-15 after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Report of order came the report from the several schools within the Quarterly meeting. followed by remarks from many present regarding school work which as yet had not been heard. The first report was an address on the Home School work read by Flora V. Stubbs of Berlin. She is the Secretary of the Home & S. Association. She said, "In these days of strenuous living family religion is much neglected. Within the last twenty-five years the system of studying the S. S. lessons at home has much increased instead of having members to S. S. it rather tends to increase attendance." Mrs. Stubbs illustrated by several very interesting instances. "Every S. S." she said, "must have to insure success, the true foundation of Bible knowledge. If we read it right we may follow its teaching. After accepting the Lord as our Master we must serve Him In the carrying on of this Home Department we must be drawn to help those

and in this way are themselves spiritually benefitted. The spoken of the retreat felt by the younger members of the S.S. in getting and memorizing the Bible lessons of one day a week was the head of a movement which was called the Mayflower Band whose to study the Bible diligently. After a prayerful study of the Bible words by our called home were the things preceding his death he asked the privilege of the boys to take into his life those little words that may help them to have more influence for the Master in years and boys.

After the service of song all those who had volunteered to unite in the Mayflower Band were called out and requested to the front of the church where they were commendation and encouragement by the members.

After a few moments of silent prayer for the Lord, he was moved that the conference should adjourn to meet in Fair Bedford 1st month 17th 1903.

Caroline Lance Sec.

In the absence of our Chairman Rowe R. Howland, H. H. Seabury presided at the conference which opened at 7:30 P.M. evening of First month 7th, 1903. After a little time of silence Charles Goddard and Elam Henderson asked divine blessing for the exercises of the evening and the chairman read Ephesians 4. The minutes of the last conference were read and approved also letters from the secretaries of the various Yearly Meetings in the limits of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. The secretaries were requested to forward a copy of the minutes of this meeting to the secretaries of the Yearly Meetings from which they were not received. The clerk was directed to forward

~~as the subject~~ as the subject of the evening and go there meeting Quakers present from whom we would be glad to hear on the subject we would first hear what some Friends who could not be with us personally had to say. The readings were all extracts from the report of the American Friends Peace Conference held in Fourth month 1901 at Philadelphia. Seven Friends gave us thoughts from papers written by Lucy Owen, Wm. Richard Thomas, P. M. Haidylaugh, Mary J. Mosier, Hannah Bailey, Wm. Trueblood, and Anna B. Jones.

Charles Goddard called our attention to the fact that Europe had arbitration and not enough attention given to peace and real peace principles.

Emily Anderson desired that young people should be taught true ideas rather than false ideals bravery. Tell them of the atrocities committed in war, should try to promote the high position of the leaders. Tell the good stories of peaceful men rather than the glorified heroes of war. She urged us to spread peace principles among those who were not of our Society.

The closing minute was read and conference adjourned to meet 8th of Tenth month next in New Bedford at the usual hour.

Carolyn L. Jones Sec.

	Mem.	Av. attend.	Classes
Smiths Neck	39	28	3
Long Plain	14	6	2
Mattapoisett	30	21	3
West Falmouth	11 +	11	2
Central Village	45 + 3 H.D.	24.5	4
Adams Neck	103 + 23	58	10

	mem.	H.D.	av attend.	classes
New Bedford	80+25		37	7

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly meeting met in New Bedford the 8th of Fourth month, 903. The meeting was opened by the chairman who read Acts 5: 12-32. Sarah D. Taber took the place of chairman who was ill, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Next in order came the reports from the various schools within this Quarterly Meeting, reports were received from all the schools. The next business of the meeting was to appoint officers for the ensuing year and the names of Hebert H. Seabury and Anna R. Haines were named by the nominating committee. Thomas Kirk, of Worcester, then read a most interesting paper concerning the Bible School as a means of the church. His strongest point was the need of religious work in keeping up the moral tone in rural New England. The American ... More is the only society doing organized work in New England and it is especially needed because a tendency of most farming communities is that the American youth leave the country and go to the cities while their farms are bought by foreigners - the next generation should be drawn into the church and made good use of in religious work. Thos. Kirk urged the building up of schools already established, some of which have dwindled so that finally they are given up altogether. If any ask where the children in these schools are to be found, statistics show that there are many who never have any religious training and these are they who need the S. S. work. Our ... [illegible]

is it necessary to train children in our principles to keep up our numbers. Our nation is to be saved by the proper training of the children. With wealth and religious opportunity in New Bedford we should help more in carrying cheer and interchanging visits with those people who live in the outlying districts west of New Bedford. Thinks Ross's paper could not help inspiring us all with his enthusiasm.

The chairman spoke of Ada Hafford's mission school in Freetown and hoped it might finally be in touch with our meeting.

A paper in memory of Rachel A. Howland was read by request.

Clara Henderson added her desire that the S. S. could be built up, said that people must be trained to appreciate the doctrines of our Society.

The chairman spoke of Conferences and desired that we should all attend this year enough [illegible] to do so.

Mary E. Gifford and Phebe Smith both added good thoughts to the general subject of the evening. After a little time of silent prayer, [illegible] asked divine help and guidance in our work.

Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford, if the Lord permit, 9th mo 1st next.

Carolyn S. Jones.

	mem.	ad. attend.	class
Smiths' Neck	37		3
Long Plain	21	11	2
Mattapoisett	23	12	3
West Falmouth	12	9	2
Central Village	54	227	3
Allens [illegible]	102+25 HH	44	16
Acushnet	27	14	3
New Bedford	80	32	1

First

[illegible] Sabbath School Convention held in Brockton
[illegible] "These conferences are the means
[illegible] are held." The Sunday school is a
[illegible] Church is engaged, & in the work
[illegible] bringing souls to Christ, And building
[illegible] up Christ." [illegible]
[illegible] land
[illegible] and you will find in the early history
[illegible] very well testify to this fact. - See Neh. 8;
[illegible] Ezra;
[illegible]
[illegible] Bible School,
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Calendar it is called "Day of the Sun"
[illegible] it is called the Lord of this day, and from this
[illegible] instructed him from the
Sun of Righteousness, and Sunday school mentioned
[illegible] the Bible as the only book to be used —
[illegible] it is a wonderful treasure, it
[illegible] is declared it is, we will as
[illegible] it is complete in itself. —
[illegible] Sunday school with the Sunday-quiz later there
[illegible] were [illegible] connected with
[illegible] On the first attend the Bible
[illegible] taught her children to read at first
[illegible] then [illegible] entered the school
[illegible] discussion was allowed
[illegible] At 15 they entered the
[illegible] [illegible] taught
[illegible] allowed
to listen to much debate and discussion
[illegible] which it was requisite to answer and consider though [illegible] before
one could enter this last school viz. —
1 He will be in no haste to reply
2 He will ask only [illegible]
3. He will give [illegible]
4. He will answer [illegible]
5. [illegible] the limits of his
[illegible] Christ probably went
[illegible] the school when he came to
[illegible] in [illegible] and with his heavenly
[illegible] [illegible] these schools
[illegible] [illegible] after the reformation
[illegible]
At the close of the 18th Cen. in Gloucester
[illegible] the modern Bible school was instituted.
[illegible] Robert Raikes established Sunday
schools, & had the children taught on
Sunday. One first heard them was 250, now
the [illegible] B. S. is 400 exc. 250, no.

[illegible] joined
[illegible] all their
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] what do our B. S. need
1 [illegible] Co-operation, both old and
2 [illegible]
3. [illegible] schools be in touch with their
denominations, - along practical lines
4 [illegible]
5. [illegible]
Christ calls for [illegible] in touch with-
[illegible] followers. [illegible] took the unions
[illegible]
Affirmed [illegible] "How can you [illegible]
[illegible]
Speaker in the [illegible]
last [illegible]
along [illegible]
Each [illegible]
Church Connect with the [illegible]
Local Local Church [illegible]
when with the pure [illegible]
and [illegible]
as a living [illegible]. In the last 20 years a
question has been before the Protestant mind
[illegible] authority of the Bible. - This book has
been questioned, criticized and [illegible]
but it has come out - stronger than ever
after the controversy.
It was a great [illegible] to find
that their forefathers [illegible]
Sin and Salvation were [illegible]
in the [illegible] Jesus. The [illegible]
revived the [illegible] Church [illegible]
Why are we divided. Because [illegible]
followed [illegible] but [illegible]
[illegible] to the [illegible] of [illegible]
Jesus "If [illegible]

can not be separated, but each will fall when one of them is left out of fellowship. We are united in faith.

(In the fellowship of Christ, we believe in the Holy Spirit in the leading and guiding of the still small voice.

2. The efficiency of Christ's sacrifice.—
Why do we not Baptise? Christ does not say his disciples should be baptised but be followed. Christ's sayings are wholly spiritual. If Christ had said water is essential then there would have been no regeneration except by water.—
Do Friends believe in Baptism?
Symbolically yes! but not in water but in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
Do Friends believe in communion?
Yes it is the communion, the soul with God, the real communion.
Friends do not believe in the Lord's Supper as called. Do not symbols keep the remembrance? If there you make bread and wine sacramental, then there is no communion without them.
One of the strong characteristic teachings of Society is Peace. When Penn hundreds of years ago, drew up a plan for us to follow. Friends were the pioneers in this international movement.
We are the democratic church, Friends most fundamental principles are democratic. "Each and every man shall have a voice". In theory - in every Friend's meeting each person should be helped for God's voice, this is the sense of the meeting. There is the Great Truth for everyone in the Society of Friends. In our English life politically and socially has been influenced by Friends. Our lives should tell for the things of

The Bible School Conference in Sandwich
[illegible] meeting held Nov. 13th to 1904 in New
[illegible] Hall. The Conference was opened by
prayer. The Chairman then read that portion of
Scripture relating to the [illegible] reading of
the Bible.
[illegible] committee was [illegible] officers
[illegible]
Susan J. Thornton, [illegible]
Elizabeth Gillingham.
[illegible]
was received.
The Committee then reported the officers selected.
[illegible]
Which was accepted by the Conference.
The School then [illegible] reading of John the
[illegible] Lucretia
[illegible] neighbor in the new house
[illegible] No
[illegible] ? No
[illegible] No.
[illegible] held a large number
of a war ship ??
[illegible] Salary
[illegible] Conference.
Closed - Prayer offered. Benediction
[illegible] way. The following are the dis-
cussions in the hand of Pres.
Circle was called and roll, Question given
the Governor opened it was duly attended
and heart rendering suffering depicted;
the Methodist effort [illegible] the meeting engag-
ed, should be limited [illegible] human
life as a result; and all for what?
What is gained?
The speaker was well qualified and
thoroughly posted, [illegible] gave not only

[illegible] and attention, but study and research
is the subject
[illegible]
[illegible] never attended. She would awaken
[illegible]
[illegible] the good things cherished, and
[illegible] home. Finally, described some [illegible]
[illegible] Galleys during a recent visit abroad
[illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] the hand of
[illegible]
need [illegible]
Among the Militia Unit [illegible]
was held), - many of the [illegible]
men, realizing that [illegible]
[illegible] to engage in, the [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
He do believe "Valley Forge"
again [illegible] we shall they have come
ing, now."
Our [illegible]
such [illegible]
life is [illegible]
Eleanor [illegible]
Spirit [illegible], we cannot live al-
[illegible] wished there could
[illegible]
[illegible]
In [illegible] we thank [illegible]
the privilege [illegible]
Since [illegible] we glad [illegible]
and [illegible] to what we
could in our small way for [illegible]
Peace.
I cannot [illegible] the blame in this
[illegible] the [illegible]
He died [illegible]
Yes, if the [illegible]
[illegible]

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[illegible]	52	38	2
[illegible]	37	14	7
[illegible]	11	2	8
[illegible]	23	14	3
[illegible]	19		5
[illegible]	25	10	3
[illegible]	105	5	11
New Bedford	70	39	7
Sandwich	9 in Home Department		
North Dembroke	10 in Home Department.		

Statistical Report of the Bible Schools
for the Quarter Ending 1st 11th 1905.

Allens Neck	112 Membership	12 Teachers	Aver. Attn.	63 Attn.
Smiths Neck	34	6		19
Acushnet	21	4		10
Long Plain	24			13
East Wattapowett	45	11		26
Central Bridge	50	9		30
West Falmouth				
New Bedford	74	13		33 7/13

Sandwich has seven in Home Dept.
North Pembroke has ten " " "
Allens Neck also has 22 in Home Dept.

The Bible School Conference of Yarmouth Quarterly meeting was held in New Bedford 10th 11th 1905. After a season of silent prayer the Chairman read the 28th Chapter of Job. The minutes of the last meeting were read after which came the full interesting reports from the different schools all but West Falmouth being heard from. Interest in sending in good, satisfactory reports to the Conference increased which is encouraging, as well as the fact that the Average Attendance was only nine less than last Quarter (probably due to the winter months) while the Total Membership was four more. The meeting then listened to an inspiring, practical address given by our friend Alfred Ware on Bible School Work. He brought the work out in a work of three parts with a method and divided the subject into three parts. I Method in study of the lesson. II Method in teaching the lesson and III Method of conducting the school. First read the lesson of the lesson to get the framework then use all the helps possible to get the best. Study the persons, the meaning of the historical portion and the meaning of the teaching. Thoroughly prepare the lesson. Get saturated with it, get mastery of it and study a little every day. After the preparation of the lesson, come the method in teaching the lesson. Study the art of asking questions. Cannot ask question intelligently unless we know what we are after. Bring application of Scripture to present condition. Teacher should make personal application but with tact. On practical methods in carrying on the school, be kind, first in the school, cultivate, Systematic, Prompted, Concentration working together. The Superintendent should have the following qualifications -

be interested in the school - should feel called to the work and feel it to be sacred. Should look upon it as a privilege & opportunity for work and should have interest at heart, not allow home dept, Cradle Roll, Primary or any other branch of the work to be divorced from the school. All should diverge to work with the Superintendent holding all the reins. Remember the necessity for variety - have change in opening & closing exercises - keep scholars guessing as to what is coming next. Do not lose faith in the work, no effort shall be lost for "my word shall not return unto me void", so hold faith in the illuminated Teaching. Chas Goddard spoke of Bible Work as a holy work, it is God's work & we are working upon immortal material. Frederick Slater brought out a few facts concerning the New Bedford School after which William Thompson spoke of the Bible as not being for any one date nor for any one people - but that it was for all time & for all people. The truths therein are as much for us now as for those in the olden days. The Old Testament is as important as the New, must know it all to understand it aright. The New Testament is enfolded in the Old and the Old Testament is unfolded in the New. We must have the Bible truths brought home to our own lives, own conditions & thoughts, in order to bring them home to another. Sarah Holmes spoke of the Yearly Meeting Conference to be held at Lynn 1mo 27th to 29th inclusive after which Chas Goddard made the practical proposition that a visiting Committee be appointed to visit Allens Neck. He thought the benefit would be mutual & helpful. The Conference then adjourned to meet in New Bedford next Fourth month 1st the Lord permit.

Anna R. Rowland, Secretary.

[illegible] in New Bedford [illegible]
1903. After we were more [illegible] the
prayer. Then we read the XII [illegible]
[illegible] and repeated
[illegible] the Lord's prayer and then we
made [illegible]

A committee was appointed to elect officers consisting
of Adelaide V. Wilson, Phebe Smith and Sarah Lowe.
The report was then taken
Then we voted a Record of one to Miss Alice
Allen. - which was carried by the Conference.
A hymn from the Hymn Book.
Then we received offerings which the Lord
blessed and the following is the receipts.
Allen's Neck, number, in the Sup.

" "	23	4	Chas. G. Gifford
Central Village	6		Mary E. Gifford
E. Mattapoisett	8		[illegible]
No. Pembroke	9		Mary E. [illegible]
Sandwich	5		[illegible]
Long Plain	4		Sarah D. [illegible]
Fairhaven			" "
New Bedford	24	4	Catherine [illegible]

Sarah D. Palmer gave us a little account of the
branch of the work. It is expected to hold each
school will be invited to have a Home Dept.
and give some time and effort to this work.
He then had a short address from Prof. Vaux.
He said: "Jacc Vaux then what I professed
he was up a tree, and so am I."
It is hard to get satisfactory [illegible] and
[illegible] "Teachers, not [illegible] made, not
like preachers" Dwight L. Moody said.
They are few not [illegible] but
persons, who strive to labor in their own
persevere in it.
Pres. Roosevelt's work has described him.
How shall we interest boys? God will help us
[illegible] all things also be used. Talk about what
interests them and we may lead higher things.
Don't find the point of contact to begin with
questions, then answer the lessons.

[illegible] Sunday I was much interested in reading with the [illegible] classes in England, teachers must be able [illegible] to all sides of the Labor Question.
[illegible] Every thing that [illegible] teachers should be taught to refute [illegible]. Men of large experience [illegible] all in their right [illegible] minds the best teachers in the universities [illegible] much for the [illegible] teacher [illegible] Satisfies. Yet a man [illegible] like the new [illegible] the time spent in the academy to teach by making the effort. Best teachers like preachers make everything in life contribute to their work, their [illegible] with effort then it will develop mightily.
Oh and I was [illegible] the end kind of [illegible] The Superintendent teaches --
I have purpose. The [illegible] of the world is [illegible] purpose.
[illegible] Britis graduate development [illegible] a teacher.
II Have definiteness [illegible] plans.
[illegible] time.
The Devil uses [illegible] his [illegible] part, each one filling [illegible] his responsibilities. So their share of the work is a grand development, it was so intended.
Wm Thompson said prepare your sermon, rather than your sermon make every thing that is available in your work.
[illegible] with useful and good knowledge, then when the Lord required service you have something to hand forth.
Have a General knowledge of [illegible] and be able to [illegible] from the Bible to help teach the lesson. Heavenly Father does not draw from an empty treasury. He must make the Bible rich in order to give to them, - He has all power.
He concludes hoping to meet in the 1st No if the Lord permit.

Yours Estate

School	Mem.	Av. Attn.	No. Classes
Woods Holl	30	21	6
Acushnet	26	15	3
Sandwich	23	12	3
E. Marion	30	13	3
Allens Neck	109	57	11
Long Plain	24	12	3
Benjamin's Village	47	31	5
Hixville	3	2	1
New Bedford	74	43	

Report of the Bible Schools for the quarter ending 1st month 11th 1906.

	Mem.	Av. Attn.	No Classes.
West Falmouth	87	10	2
Central Village	51	32	5
Allens Neck	116	50	11
Smiths Neck	37	20	6
Sandwich	29	22	4
Long Plain	24	10	3
~~Central Grove~~	54	31	3
S. Dartmouth	21	22	2
New Bedford	70	40	6

The President, Annie R. Holmes, opened the Conference, by reading the 1st 12 verses of the 5th Chapter of Matt., also the 1st 9 verses of the 13th Chapter.

After the reports of the schools were read and duly accepted, Elmer Henderson of Falmouth gave the address of the evening.

Christ is the great teacher, and is ever expected. As the last quarter of a century we have been trying for a perfect method to teach the young.

In order that we may be willing to walk in God's light, that they may accept Jesus as the saviour of the world

Jesus was great from his Christ
Greatness, dignity and purity.
The world has been changed by this
teaching; the generations of his
thinking natures & love and piety.
His manner of teaching was exceeding
precious.
Christ did not write a book but
talked about the kingdom. We read
in this age the words of our Lords,
that is what person did. Inquire in
our Sunday school longing for knowledge.
Christ makes use of questions. The
church to teach is a blessing to
Character.
The Ministry & Conversions we between
the ages of 12 and 16, and this
is promising work for the future in
training the young.
Miss Bedard of Illinois then added a
few remarks -
The character that picture here is the
nearest to get at. Then Lord, and yet
in a sight of individuality. May
we always have time to do things
practical. Never too late,
We cannot offer to Lord our Lives,
We conclude, hoping to meet in the
month 1906, in New Bedford, if the
Lord permit.

Ibid year, Illinois
Meeting.

Report of the Bible Schools for the month ending 4th Month 12th, 1906.

Schools	Mem.	Ave. Attend.	No Scholars
Smiths' Neck	40	21	6
Acushnet	26	—	5
Central Village	62	37	0
Quittacus	28	20	2
Long Plain	24	16	0
Sandwich	16	7	Not in Mem.
Fairhaven	81	11	2
Allen's Neck	110	50	11
New Bedford	70	41	6

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held 4th Month 12th 1906, in New Bedford. After a few moments of silence the President Anna Holmes read the 7th Chap. of Matthew. Reports from the Schools and minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Rufus Edwards, of Roxbury, gave a very interesting address on "The Great Teacher." There are many sides to this subject. Everyone should be a teacher - everyone teaches more or less. Among the great teachers of the world there is no one compared with Christ. He was astonished at his doctrine, for he spoke as one having authority. He must be in constant touch with God, who with the Scriptures. Edward loved his work. An incident is told of a workman who made his rose grow - made better than those about the way - and yet reason was because he lived his work so much.

Edward urged us to be Kings, for -

The individual something to do to make
someone else happy.
If we would be successful, choose
an object, then put forth an effort
worthy of the object. The object of
Christ's was to save the lost, our
object should be, how can I reach
that soul.
The necessity of patience, we have an
example of this in Christ when he
was on earth.
If we would be successful in teaching
others we must, we should take
Christ as the guiding star
of our lives.
Bread expressed their interest and
pleasure in listening to the address,
and after a few moments of silence,
the conference adjourned to meet in
New Bedford 1st Month 2nd, in the Lord
Quarterly

Report of the Secretary for the year ending
12th Month 1906.

Meeting	Members	Attendance	No Classes
Nantucket	50	30	4
Long Plain	25	15	4
Smith's Neck	87	24	6
Dartmouth		7	1
Allen's Neck	94	41	2
Central Village	60	11	1
[illegible]	40		2
New Bedford	70	20	6

Report of the Schools for the quarter ending 3rd Month 31st 1907.

Schools	Members	Ave Attend	No Classes
Long Plain	33	17	4
N. Falmouth	28	16	3
Allens Neck	93	46	9
Central Village	47	31	5
Smiths Neck	37	20	6
E. Mattapoisett	30	22	4
Acushnet	25	14	4
Sagamore			
New Bedford	70	41	6

The Bible School Conference of Friends was held in New Bedford 1st mo. 1907. After a few moments of silence the President read selections from the Scripture. The reports from the different schools were read and Wilbur Thomas gave a very interesting paper on Genesis.

The first book of the Bible is supposed to have been written by Moses. There are two principal divisions; Early History and Patriarchial History. The people then as now were much interested in geneology. The Jews hold the teaching of Genesis in great reverence - because they look back to Abraham as the father of their race. This book has such a unity of purpose with the whole Bible. The other books of the Bible were written by so many different ones but all are in harmony with this one. Here are the germs of religious truth, here we have the grandest teaching and best revelation of God.

It is not a scientific book but a religious one with a religious purpose. Volume after volume could be written on the valuable teachings of this first book of the Bible. Let us have the inspiration

to understand it.
Elam Henderson, Enos Harvey, William Thompson and others touched on the same subject. Also Robert Raymond, President of the Mass. S. S. Association spoke on the great teaching value of Genesis.

The last Sunday School Conference of Friends was held in 4th month 1907 in New Bedford.
The Scriptures were read by the President Anna Holmes, and Enos Harvey gave the address of the evening, on The Bible and its Study.
The importance of Bible Study depends on the character of the book. We have to study for everything, and we ought to be better informed on Church history and Quakerism.
The Bible is the place to find God's plan for the human race. The Study of the Bible is the study of life.
There is great ignorance in our schools and homes of what the Bible teaches, hence the great necessity of Bible Study. How shall we master the English Bible? Read the Epistle to the Ephesians. We should read the Bible independently without Comentaries. Read it prayerfully, it is a supernatural book and can only be conquered by supernatural aid.
Many Church problems are solved by reading the Bible with an open mind and heart. Read it so the contents may be a blessing and that we may effect divine truth to the world.
The Conference closed to meet in 1st month 1908 in New Bedford

if The Lord permits.

Alice May Allen, Sect.

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich quarterly meeting was held in New Bedford 1st Mo. 8th 1918. The meeting opened with reading from the Scriptures by the president, Mary E. Howland. The minutes of the last meeting and reports from the various schools were read and approved. It was suggested by Sarah Holmes that delegates be appointed from the various to attend the conference; decided that not less than two, and in larger schools more be appointed to attend quarterly conference.

The paper of the evening was given by Eloise R. Hafford taking the fourteenth chapt. of Matt. sixteenth verse. "Thy need not depart give ye them to eat." Spiritual food needed. Souls are starving and dying for the bread of life. Time and money are spent for worldly food, but not for eternal welfare. Schools and colleges are needed to train the mind and body for teachers. Good teachers are needed to teach our boys and girls the truths of the Bible. The hope of the church lies in the little ones. The key note of successful teaching is. (first) To know the Christ. (second) To know the lesson not superficially, but masterly. (third) To know the child. The Sunday school teacher has a great responsibility in her work with children. We must know the child and his needs. Knowledge of the Bible. A heart knowledge of Christ, and later into the Church.

Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. (Isaiah 62.10) In closing Miss Hafford read "Go through the gates" by Miss Adams. A discussion followed as to the real necessity for teachers meetings. While all who took part agreed that teachers meetings were

very helpful, other things of seemingly more importance claimed time and attention.
Conference adjourned to meet 4th Month in New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Julia W. Almy
Secretary.

Statistical reports of the School 1st Mo. 8th 1908

Schools.	Members.	Aver. attend.	No. Classes
Long Plain	26	17	4
W. Falmouth	20		3
Allens Neck	97	43	10
Smiths Neck	44	26	6
Mattapoisett	35	28	4
Central Village	49	32	6
Acushnet	30	20	3
New Bedford	76	39	7

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford 4th Month 8th 1908.
Delegates from the various Bible Schools in Conference were present.
The President being absent Amos Holmes acting as Chairman read a portion of the 33rd Psalm.
The minutes of the last meeting and reports from the different schools were read and accepted.
A very interesting talk was then given by Wilbur Thomas on Effective Bible Schools.
For Bible School work to be effective there should be union of Bible school and church some responsibility on the part of the meeting for the school. Bible Schools are the children's Church. They seek the same thing as the Church. The object of the Bible School and church are one.
For Bible School work to be effective it must be well organized. Our Bible schools as a rule are not well organized. Take the first man

for the superintendent. Teachers meetings are very helpful, come to some working basis together. So the superintendent and teacher can work together. Make use of modern methods of teaching. Study child life. find the faults and foibles, fulfil the needs. needs of individual classes and individuals themselves. We need more teaching and less oration. The Bible school is to teach. We must study personalities. seek to make Christian men and women under our influence, to convert them to bring that child to a definite knowledge of Jesus Christ. Conversion is simply following Christ. The teacher to come in such personal contact with the child that she could tell almost the exact moment when that child is ready to receive Christ. Then much good can be done. We must make christian men and women.
David Edwards sanctioned Wilbur Thomas's remarks on the conversion of children. said what a wonderful point of contact we might find in the children. It was better to form character than to reform.
Earle Harold said he could say Amen to the good things that had been said, and spoke briefly of the success that might attend decision or witness day. giving opportunity for boys and girls to testify.
Elvira Hafford spoke of decision day in Lynn and of the good results obtained.
Conference adjourned to meet 1st Month 1909 in New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Julia W. Almy
Secretary

Statistical reports of the Schools 4th Mo. 8th 1908

Schools	Members	Aver. Attend	No Classes
Mattapoisett	34	22	4
Allens Neck	97	40	10
Acushnet	33	18	4
Central Village	54	38	6
Long Plain	27	17	4
Smiths Neck	26	16	5
West Falmouth	20	14	2
New Bedford	70	43	7

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford 1st mo. 13th 1909. After a few moments of silent waiting upon the Lord, Edwin Henderson offered prayer. A portion of Scripture was read by the President.

The minutes of the last meeting and reports from the various schools were read and accepted.

The talk of the evening was given by E. Oscar Moon. His subject "What is teaching" gave many thoughts as to what that word teach would imply. There should be a definite plan between the Sunday School and Church. We are dealing with people who are in the plastic time of life especially the children.

Talking and teaching are two different things. The teacher if he would be successful should be alive. The attraction of a winning personality adds much to the success of a teacher. To pose as a teacher is one thing, to teach is entirely a different affair.

There are two ways of teaching. In one we might impress upon the child the law of retribution and sin, and by its very suggestion have the opposite effect of what was intended.

Then we might take the life of Jesus and so dwell on that life until the child would begin to think if there ever was a good person it was Jesus. Develope the childs taste for good so that he will voluntarily seek the

good and shun the evil. It is not so much importance as to how much of the Bible the child knows but as to what the child learns.

After the age of ten or twelve years we could interest them in Old Testament characters - if they were boys -. A boy is naturally a hero worshiper exemplying in his own life the strength of that character and leaving the makings make him a man of conviction.

Nature study can be employed to hold the attention of the boy. A teacher cannot be called disloyal if he gets ideas for teaching from other books than the Bible. Get a grip on the heart then tell him about the Almighty Father.

"God could perform miracles to day if he would but a mere physical miracle would be foolish to a people who believe in a risen Christ."

After Mr. Moons talk Elam Henderson following the same line of thought said. "Fill the child so full of goods things that the evil will not have chance to grow". Remarks by Charles Goddard and Fredk Tabor added to the interest of the meeting - Conference adjourned to Meet in New Bedford 4th month. If the Lord permit.

Julia W. Rhues
(Secretary)

Statistical reports of the Schools 1st mo 13th. 1907

Schools	Members	Aver. attend.	No. Classes
Pocasset	20	14	3
Long Plain	25	19	4
Central Village	68	45	7
Mattapoisett	37	26	4
Allens Neck	83	48	10
Smiths Neck	31	18	5
W. Falmouth	27	20	2
New Bedford	70	37	7

The Bible School Conference of Dartmouth
Quarterly meeting was held in New Bedford
4th mo. 8th 1859. The president Wm C.
Howland being absent. Dr. Tucker opening
the Quarterly meeting by reading a portion of Scripture.

The minutes of the last meeting and
reports from the various Bible Schools in
the Conference were read and approved.

Wm C. Howland gave a few pleasing orders
of exercises for the evening. Louisa D. Parris
repeated the books of the Old Testament in order.

Exercises by Helen Seabury's class of boys.
Showed the good work that had been
done the last three months in the study
of the book of Acts. Exercises by Wm
Seabury's class followed by a few pleasing
and instructive talk by Sarah H. Taber.

Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford
5th mo. 11th if the Lord permit.

Julia W. Howes
Secretary.

Statistical reports of the Schools 4th mo. 8th. 1859

Schools.	Members.	Aver. Attend.	No Classes
Wattapoisett		20	3
West Falmouth	23	17	3
Smiths Neck	27	16	3
Long Plain	22	19	4
Allens Neck	83	44	11
Central Village	60	40	7
New Bedford	70	37	7

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford, 3d. mo. 12th. 1910. After a few moments of silent waiting upon the Lord, William Thompson offered prayer. The president read the 13th. chapter of 1st. Corinthians. The minutes of the last meeting and reports from the various schools were read and approved.

C. Oscar Moon of Fall River was the speaker of the evening. His subject "The Story as a Teaching Medium". Mr. Moon related several stories in a very pleasing manner, showing the way a good story would interest and hold the child. Let Old Testament stories have their effect on the child. A child wants to know things, fanciful, living wonder stories. They find their place in Hebrews life. The child loves action and color. They have imagination unbridled, curiosity insatiable. The thing that interests him at the time let him have it. The Sunday School Teacher that knows something about nature finds a field of illustration that has no equal. Sunday School teachers pass over to slightly the opportunities they have of knowing the child mind.

Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford, 4th. mo. 1910 if the Lord permit.

Julia W. Almy
Secretary.

Statistical reports of the Schools 3d. mo. 24, 10

Schools	Members	Aver Attend.	No Classes
Allens Neck	95	43	11
Mattapoisett		21	4
West Falmouth	28	20	3
Central Village	62	44	7
Smiths Neck	31	16	5
Long Plain	22	16	4
Sandwich	29	20	2
New Bedford	70	40	7

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford, 4th mo. 13th, 1910. After the customary silence, Oscar Moon led in prayer. In the absence of the president, Isaiah F. Rowland, Fredrick Taber read the 23rd Psalm.

William A. Thomas then addressed the Conference on "The Business of the Bible School"; business that must needs partake of the nature of "busy-ness" before we call to mind God's injunction "Go to work in my vineyard." From cradle roll to graduation it is opportunities to seize, not discouragements to notice realizing that the function of the church is to supplement the home teaching the Bible as well as the S. S. Quarterly.

Allen Winslow Field, Pastor of Springfield, followed with an address on "A Forward Step" in which she gave excellent advice to teachers regarding both Home Department and Cradle Roll.

The Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford, 1st mo, 1911; if the Lord permit.

Alice Macomber, (Sec.)

Statistical report of the school 4th mo. 3th, 1910

	mem.	av. att.	classes
Allens Neck	93	48	8
E. Mattapoisett	30	21	3
N. Falmouth	26	18⅓	3
Cent. Village	61	41.7	7
Long Plain	22	18	3
Smiths Neck	23	12	5
New Bedford	81	40	6
Sandwich	33	17	

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford, 1st mo. 11th, 1911

After silently waiting a few moments for spiritual guidance, the temporary president read a selection from Titus. II

Prayer followed, after which Oscar Moshrom of Swansea addressed the Conference. He gave a brief resume of the International lessons for the coming year, showing how through misplaced ambition, disobedience and idolatry, the chosen people of God were scattered to the uttermost ends of the earth. Any difficulty in teaching these lessons in the Old Testament is more than offset by their pictorial possibilities, the wonderful revelations by prophecy, and the vision of the preparation of the world for Christ's coming.

William Thompson followed with brief remarks and Elvine Hafford offered prayer.

The Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford, Mass., 4th mo. 1911 if the Lord permit.

Alice Macomber, Sec.

Statistic Rept.

	mem.	av. att.	conv.
Allens Neck	82	40	5
E. Mattapoisett	35	27	4
Central Village	60	45	7
Long Plain	17	12	3
New Bedford	83	31	7
Sandwich	Informal rept. of loss of 15 mem. death or removal		
Smiths Neck	?		
W. Falmouth	?		
Acushnet	25	20	2

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford 4 mo. 12th 1911

After a few moments of silent waiting upon the Lord, Eloise Stafford offered prayer. A portion of scripture was then read by the President.

After the reports of the schools were read and accepted Wilbur F. Thomas of Roxbury gave the address of the evening. His subject was "How to teach." Christ is the greatest teacher and is unequalled. For the last quarter of a century we have been trying for a perfect method to teach the young. Then and now taught to think and question and never since the time of Christ has religion been so questioned as in the present age. We want to teach people to live and in doing that we will teach them the life of Christ. If we want to be successful in teaching, we should take Jesus Christ as the guiding star of our lives.

William Thompson and Frederic Taber followed with brief remarks and Susan Thompson offered prayer.

The Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford, Mass., 1st mo. 1912 if the Lord permit.

Christine Taber
(Secretary)

Stats: Report	mem.	av. att.	classes
Allen's Neck	82	45	6
Falmouth	37	24	4
Central Village	59	43.4	8
Long Plain	14	9	3
New Bedford	81	40	7
Smith's Neck	28	22.6	6
W. Falmouth	28	20	3
Acushnet	20	15	2
Sandwich	—	—	—

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly meeting was held in New Bedford 1st month 5th, 1912. After a few moments of silent waiting upon the Lord the president read a selection from Corinthians after which prayer was offered by Charles H. Lowe.

After the reports of the schools were read and accepted D. Parker of Falmouth gave the address of the evening. His subject was "The attitude of the Bible." In the early days of the church, the letters of the apostles were treasured. Epistles were the messages that came as from the Lord. In the time of the reformation the Bible was in the hands of the priest written in the Latin Tongue and the people knew [illegible] churches in launching out into new things have lost their power over the people. We are now led into thinking that [illegible] in their ideas about the Bible and Bible [illegible] they are going backward. The method of teaching Bible like does not reach the young people. The Bible is the best book ever written. It is translated into more tongues than any other and stands without a peer in the [illegible] and then die; but the Bible lives and influence is more powerful. It was to the first of age, stands the test to-day and will in the age to come.

Charles H. Lowe. Then [illegible]

Mr. Mark [illegible]

Mark wrote to the Romans a people who loved law and so the gospel of St. Mark is full of references and illustrations of law and authority. Luke wrote to the Beauty loving Greeks and tried in every way to appeal to their mind and civilization. But John had the whole world in his [illegible]

wrote his gospel. He saw the general need and tried to supply that need. He had a world wide purpose in that Jesus came that people might believe and through him be saved.

Charles Goddard then followed with brief remarks. The Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford 4th month 1912, if the Lord permit.

Christine I Taber. (Sec.)

Statistical report of the schools 1st mo. 10th 1912

	mem.	ar. at.	classes
Allen's Neck	52	45	6
Watuppositt	37	26	5
Central Village	69	48.9	8
Long Plain	12	8	3
Lumpitts Neck	26	18	5
W. Falmouth	26	17	3
Teaticket	20	15	2
Sandwich	no Bible school at present		
New Bedford	81	40	7

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford 4th month 10th 1912. After a few moments of silent waiting upon the Lord the president read a selection from Isiah after which prayer were offered by Oscar Mostrom and William Thompson.

After the reports of the schools were read and accepted Oscar Mostrom of Swansea gave the address of the evening. His subject was "The Book the Home and the School." — The Book is the tool with which we work in our Bible School and we as teachers, scholars, and members of the Church should have entire confidence in the work we are endeavoring to present. The Home is the unit of society and it is through the family that we can win people to Christ. But of late there has been a great falling away of worship in the home. A great many people come to church and appear pious there but do not appear so at home. The School is for the purpose of bringing children into covenant relationship to God through Christ Jesus. The Bible Schools are the children's church. Teachers should be men and women who love the work and are fitted for it. The attraction of a winning personality adds much to the success of a teacher. In connection with Bible School work and in fact with any work — it is a life of sacrifice. If we bear our trials calmly we will in the end be as sweet as incence after it has been burned.

Remarks by William & Susan Thompson and Annie Tay added much to the interest of the evening. The Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford 4th month 9th 1913.

Christine Tyler Clerk.

Statistical report of the Schools 4th mo. 10th 1912.

	mem.	av. at.	dau.
Central Village	67	43	9
Allen's Neck.	71	45	7
Acushnet	27	17	3
West Falmouth	29	20	3
Smith's Neck	26	18 2/3	6
Mattapoisett	39	30	3
Long Plain	10	7	2
Sandwich	no Bible School at present		
New Bedford	108	29	8

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford first month 8, 1913. After a few moments of silent waiting upon the Lord, the President read a selection from Judges, after which prayer was offered by William Eels, Nasonville.

After the reports of the schools were read and accepted Mary Cook of Roxbury gave the address of the evening. Her subject was "The Graded Sunday School Lesson." The principal of the Graded Sunday School lessons is far different from the Sunday School lessons that we have been studying heretofore: it is more to discover the need of a child at any given age and to meet that need. The lessons begin with the little child at the age of four years. The subject at this time is to teach him the Father God, as the Heavenly Father who protects him and provides for him at all times. Then come the Primary lessons and thus on to show God's power, love and care. Their aim is to build upon the first year and to arouse within the child what is right. The Junior course is from the age of 8-12 and its aim is rather more the thought of God's kingship and power, and to awaken a love for the Bible. Then come the Intermediate and Senior courses, which present the ideal of personal Christian living. Illustrations about some of the lessons by Miss Cook added much to the interest of the evening.

The Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford 4th month 1913, if the Lord permit.

Christine Crane. Sec.

	Mem.	Ar. At.	Visitors.
Central Village	66	41	8
Allen's Neck	80	48	7
Teaslight			
West Falmouth	27	25	3
Smith's Neck	33	24	5
Pattaconsett	35	25	4
Long Plain			
Sandwich	No Bible School		
New Bedford	80	21	6

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford 4th month, 9th, 1913. After a few moments of silent waiting upon the Lord, the president read the 119th Psalm, after which prayer was offered by William Penn Macomber.

After the reports of the schools were read and accepted, Jonn Sykes of Central Village gave the address of the evening. His subject was "The Value of Bible School Work". The American people are the most progressive in regard to their educational system, but they are lacking in one great respect and that is not having the Bible in the coriculum of the Schools. If the children were taught at school the gospel of the Prince of Peace, it would do more to mould their lives than the one hour at Bible School. The majority of children in the land to-day come from homes where there is no daily reading of the Bible. So the work of the Bible School teacher is very important. The majority of people do not get their impression of the gospel from the book of Holy Writ but from people who profess knowledge of it and the most splendid example we have to follow is in Jesus Christ, who is the greatest teacher and is unequalled. The Bible School is going to mould and shape the men and women of the future, and if we are earnest and consecrated in its work, we may obtain a harvest in the end.

The Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford, 1st month 1914, if the Lord permit.

Christine Taber Sec.

Statistical report of the School 4 mo 9, 1913.

	men.	av. at.	classes
Mattapoisett	33	21	4
West Falmouth	29	22	4
Smiths Neck	32	19	5
Acushnet	18	14	3

	mem	av. att	classes
Central Village	68	42	8
Allen's Neck	80	48	7
Sandwich	no Bible School at present		
New Bedford	64	18	5

The Bible School conference met at New Bedford 1 mo 7 1914. The chairman opened with the reading of the last chapter of Second Peter. After the report of the schools were read and accepted. Augustus Murray addressed the meeting. He stated that he had been cut off from Bible Schools for nearly one half of his life by peculiar circumstances; hence a deffidence of speaking. His interest however in Bible School work was still deep. He was afraid that many read the Scriptures in a very desultory way, picking a verse here and there to suit their fancy.

The Bible is a real library, and was written by people of real personality. He said that Paul's letters could not be rightly understood unless they were read connectedly, and with an intelligent knowledge of the circumstances in which they were composed. The Sunday School teacher ought to be trained for the work, not necessarily of high education but competent to direct the thoughts of the scholars to higher ideals of duty, and to newly fashion their hearts and lives. Higher criticism of the bible is now become a necessity, as we must study the written word more intelligently. We must attempt to know the how, the when and the why of the bible. We should welcome all that can be learned to make its spiritual meaning plainer and more vital. The Holy Men of old were moved. The Divine voice spoke, and the human soul could hear. The same spirit speaks to us, and we can receive it and put it into our lives of to day.

Thomas Hughes spoke of evolution as a factor in progress. Nature works from single cells to

multicellular objects. What retards bible schools in many places is that they are practically one celled.

We have so called practical schools, mystic and missionary schools; each is good in itself, but too much engrossed with its own point of view.

"There is rudeness in God's mercy as the waves of the sea" He can be bathed in a flow of spirituality if we are still. Let us see what we can do in co-relationship with the rest.

William Thompson spoke of the necessity of memorizing Scriptures. In reading the bible there was blessing - but the process of committing bible passages to memory, imprinted their truths more deeply. Many people in their reading of the bible have hardly read some parts of it at all. They do not seem to realize that Scripture is inspired of God. Jesus was familiar with Scriptures and was constantly quoting to his disciples and the multitude.

The Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford Fourth month next if the Lord permit

Statistical report of the Schools

	No. scholars	Av. attendance	Classes
Allens Neck	96	42	7
Central Village	64	34	8
New Bedford	66	17	6.

Caroline Jones Sec pro tem

The first announcement was made in the Sunday School and notice given that the meeting was to be held in the Academy of Music on Friday evening, the report of the Trustees Schools was read and accepted, Miss Carver Addresses were made by Mrs. Simonds, Dr. Rice, Mrs. Bass and Mrs. Hall which were very interesting and showed that it was the enthusiasm of every member of the Church to do the work before them. The ladies and gents should be on hand in the Gym and be ready to assist in addition to the singing of the choir. Mrs. Bass read a paper which was very interesting, it should be an active influence for good in the community, and is worthy of careful thought and prayer.

Mrs. Hall's report showed that the aim and desire of each member was to bring into the Sabbath School one who did not attend any other place of worship. In this way we have in West Gardiner over one hundred members and a large number of visitors. It was composed of men of all classes and in studying the Bible all meet on a level as to equality.

Miss Carver's report was of the methods of bringing children into the Sunday School. Every home should be seen by some member and invited and encouraged, and the aim was the salvation of the children. She also spoke of the value of entertainment

Let us bring ourselves together, make
changes, welcome and promote a
feeling of good-fellowship.
The Supreme adjourned to meet
in New Bedford first Monday 1915
by the Lord permit.

Annual Report of the Schools.

	mem.	av att.	class
West Dartmouth	42	25	3
Allens Neck	77	39	7
Acushnet	25	14	3
Smiths Neck	40	20	0
Matapoisett	40	25	4
New Bedford	00	24	0

Mildred Price
Secretary.

At the Bible School Quarterly Conference held in New Bedford 11th to 12th, in the absence of the regular officers by reason of illness and age, Miss Macomber served as temporary Chairman and Deacon ones as Secretary. Despite the severity of the storm a fair number were present and the Conference opened with the reading of the 3rd Chapter of Luke upon which is based the Conference of principles and work of the Bible School and the Gospel

Walter Mills of Roxbury then addressed the Conference, contrasting the topics of today with those of yesterday, and urging the cause of the decadence — if such it is — being in the absence of sound teaching, where the moral discipline and religious instruction are exerted, or going out of the Schools, and in the inadequacy of our Bible School teaching.

The school attempts to handle the problem by compelling attendance at Chapel, which in the very nature of the subject should be voluntary — and ~~only~~ where only superficial instruction can be given because it may offend some belief represented in the audience. In the course of which we get less with more.

In the case of the Bible School it seems almost as if, the mind once reading the Bible when the lesson is brought to the class so many times without special preparation, and introduced with an excuse.

We cannot realize too strongly that the Bible School is the nursery of the Church and that no effort is too great, no means too small to gather into the young people in and about the Church. And while we may prefer young people of Friends, affiliations we must have a warm Gospel welcome for all comers, by those who were sick, and the needy, and the lonely.

After an appreciation expressed by those present in the effort Walter Mills

had made despite the storm & some
ers and his acceptance of his address
the Conference adjourned & made its
last Sept 4th 1865 after the Lord's servic

Respectfully submitted
Alex Alexander
Secretary

The Bible School Academy Conference was held in New Bedford Jan 6th to 7, 1915. The meeting was opened by the reading of the first chap of the epistle of John. There were twenty one present.

Miss Henderson of West Yarmouth then addressed the meeting. Her subject was the mission of the Bible, and with advice as to the best way to train children, in regard to the formation of religious character. She spoke of the advantage to be gained from an organized course of study. That not all the Bible was adapted to one age, and that certain ideals should be shown for in each class. That it was also important to get a good working knowledge of the Bible, with proper history as a background in order to give proper relation to great religious ideals. That there were two objects to be gained, - first to acquire good, substantial information and second to stir the child's imagination and emotions. "Emotions developed become ideals." Above all, it was a privilege or a teacher to say - Listen and to impart it to her pupils. Finally the mission of the Sabbath School was the training of character to spiritual fellowship with God.

New officers were appointed for the coming year, namely three Vice Presidents and three Secretaries. A vote of thanks was given to the retiring officers.

The Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford, first Mon in 1916 if the Lord permit.

Respectfully submitted
Margaret Ann Lee Sec

Statistical reports of the Schools.

	mem.	av. att.	classes
Central Village	35	30. 1/2	6.
New Bedford	48	21	5
Emulis Beach	48.	23	6
West Falmouth			3

5 new members. 16 for Belgians & 5 for Ramallah

Allens Neck 1000 88.

[illegible] Simpson, the gathering was [illegible]
noon instead of on the upper floor as usual.

Alice Helen Shores presided and in the absence of
Mr. [illegible] Bell [illegible]

The exercises were opened by the reading of the 15th
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

to their coffins. He said it was to late.

Others who made remarks were Charles Goddard, David Potter, Elam Henderson and Frederick Tabor. The

whom teachers have laboriously gathered; the second touched on the value of the Bible and said that nothing in the New Testament favored war the evil of which is now being

the Bible says; and the last speaker mentioned

one individual.

			3
N. Falmouth,	29	26	4
E. Mattapoisett,	40	25	3
Central Village,	45	35	7
New Bedford,	51	25	4
Smith Neck,	69	32	6
Allens Neck	107	76	8

Long Plain School discontinued

The Bible School Conference of Sandusky Quarterly Meeting was held in Green Bank Church, Nov 12th 1916. In the absence of the President Geo. H. Hoag presided. The services were opened by reading part of the eleventh chapter of Isaiah, after which the reports from the various schools were listened to. The minutes of the last session were also read and accepted, after which Geo. H. Hoag Worker of the Yearly Meeting Field Com. addressed the Conference.

We should keep in mind the purpose of what we have to do. There are two functions of Bible School work: One is the production of Christian lives and character, and there is another which goes right along with it - the training of laborers for all phases of church work. - If the functions of the Bible School are to bring out the best character in the boy and girl, if it is to produce Christian lives and Christian laborers for the Church, the Bible School becomes the Church School for Training. Worship should be a part of the Bible School. There are wonderful Scriptural truths, which we take out of the Bible and apply to the mind of the developing child, should be taught in the spirit of reverence and worship. Memory recalls things learned in childhood and the impression they have depends upon the atmosphere in which those things were learned. It is futile to impress mere words on the mind of a child unless he learns the meaning of them. The teacher's task is to put great truths into little minds, so they can be grasped at their real value. Worship and teaching are the activities of Bible School work. Impression and expression are also important considerations in this great work. The Bible truths must be impressed on the child before they can take root. The lesson must be told back to the teacher before any thing is really learned. Appeal must be worked out before it really takes hold of the mind and finds lodgment there. The expression we are all looking for is expression of character, and if we want to train children to be Reverend in Worship a truth to a child we must realize

if we see any change in the child's daily life - in his play or in his work at home. In closing he suggested the following program for the Bible School:

1st Period of Worship.
2nd Period of Instruction.
3rd Period of Expression.

Susan C. Thompson spoke of the value of Bible texts that are alive to us, and William Thompson emphasized the importance of learning children learn Bible texts when they are young. Miranda L. Goddard suggested that the Bible School ought to give the boy and girl good spiritual food well cooked and well served. Alice M. Jones said the wonderful thing about the Bible is that we never get too old to study, never too old to learn what there is in it. The more of us know it so well but that we might get a great blessing if we knew it better. Let us study our Bibles with the idea of working it into our lives the things we learn.

After a few minutes of silence the conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford First Month 1917, if the Lord permit.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Whittredge Macomber
Secretary

Statistical Reports of Schools.

	Membership	Av. At.	Classes
Acushnet	18	6	3
Allen's Neck	104	64	8
Central Village	57	32	7
East Mattapoisett	49	30	
New Bedford	51	21	4
Smith's Neck	55	30	7
West Falmouth	51	16	3

The Bible School Conference of Southern Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford 1st mo. 6th 1917. The meeting was opened by the President, Allen H. Pierce reading the portion of the second chapter of Philippians after which prayer was offered by Elam Fleetwood. The minutes of the last meeting were then read and approved and reports of the various schools were heard.

Rachel Shaw of Matapoisett gave an interesting talk impressing upon the minds of all present the importance of teaching upon these lines the Sunday School pupils of their children. She also spoke of the duties of the Bible School Teacher and how it helps us to get in close touch with the minds that come to us very early in life showing the character of the child. It should be our endeavor to bring the child from the sphere in which it is placed to the Throne of God. Other remarks upon this subject were made by Jeremiah Tripp of Dartmouth and others after which the Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford 4th mo. 1917 if the Lord permit.

Della M. Butler Secy.

Statistical Reports of Schools.

	Membership	Av. At.	Classes
Acushnet	17	11	3
Allens Neck	106	71	8
Central Village	50	39	6
East Dartmouth	56	30	5
Glen Jenny	30	13	
Smiths Neck	52	27	7
West Falmouth			2

The Bible School Conference of [illegible]
Locality Meeting was held in Shreveport
on [illegible] 1917. The President opened the
meeting by reading the 8th Chapter of Nehemiah
on Report of the Bible School of long ago.
Then Sang [illegible] First Tillabeth then
Said prayer. The minutes of the last meeting
and Reports of the various Bible Schools
were read and accepted. The speeches of the
evening, Abram C. Goddard, Myrtle Gibbs
and Alice F. Tripp gave us a very Instructive
and entertaining evening.

First, Abram C. Goddard spoke upon
The program of Bible School work. He said
that was no hard particular program for us
to follow but advised the best way was to
[illegible] from the experience of the different
[illegible] Sunday Schools and adapt it
to our own [illegible] He emphasized
the importance of Secrecy, unity and
[illegible] each member of the school feel that
he has a part in the school. There is one
[illegible] our Bible School has in their
[illegible] that is the assembling of the school
after Class study and a review of the lesson
in the Assembly and some thought that
[illegible] the regular [illegible] time.
[illegible] has been a good [illegible]
[illegible] The Primary Dept. needs a separate
[illegible] and teaching the Lesson.

[illegible] Sunday School Superintendent
[illegible] Sunday School Conventions. Their
[illegible] The particular purpose of the Bible School.
The answer has been summed up in the
points

1st: To make Christians and Testimony in the Sunday School a regular requirement.

2nd: To Show, by [illegible] that the Bible is the Family and the Home and the Church.

Woodstock	21	9	3
Willis Creek	113	67	8
Central Manor	60	57	
East Whitefield	No report		
Whitefield	50	21	
Smiths Creek	53	28	
West Belmont	No report		

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford 1st mo. 9th, 1918 in one of the parlors of the Y.M.C.A. instead of at the Meeting House, on account of the fire which occurred at the latter place.

After a brief period of silence, W. Carleton Wood, from Fall River Meeting, offered prayer. The president, Anna M. Gifford then read a passage from the 2nd Chapter of Luke, verses 40-52; also verses from the tenth chapter of Mark which showed Christ's attitude toward children.

The minutes of the last Conference were read and approved. These followed the reports from the Bible Schools including, in some instances, statements of the progress of their schools.

Rachel Knowlton then spoke very interestingly and instructively on Junior Mission Study work, giving very practical suggestions. She suggested that if it were not possible to form a Junior Branch or Mission Study Class there be much mission study as possible be introduced into the Sunday School. She said the purposes of the mission study are: -

1st.- To acquaint the children with the foreign mission work of our denomination and that of other denominations.

2nd.- To help the Meeting later. The supposition being that if a child is taught about mission work and interested in children of other lands, that he will take an interest in his own Meeting & the church as a whole, later.

3rd.- To inspire unselfishness in the child by interesting him to lose self in giving and working for others.

Miss Ruth Hawkins, of the Y.W.C.A., then addressed the Conference on Teacher Training. She spoke of this as an age of specialization in religious as well as secular things. The definite aim of the Sunday School, she said, is primarily the development and training of boys and girls in Christian character and service. In order to meet this aim, a teacher must know children, and each stage of their mental development, and, besides this, be more

take time to know his children individually. As an example of one who supremely knows children, she mentioned Margaret Whittier.

W. Carleton Wood next spoke of the great responsibility as well as the opportunity of the teacher.

Alvano Pickard briefly remarked on the qualities which a teacher should possess, namely - Zeal, consecration, love for the work, and sympathy with the pupil.

After a few minutes of silence, the Conference adjourned to meet at New Bedford, 4th mo. 1915, if the Lord permit.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillie Howland Tripp.

Statistical Reports of Schools.

	Membership	Av. Attendance	Classes
Acushnet	no report		
Allen's Neck	74	65	7
Central Village	50	38	6
East Wattapoisett	no report		
New Bedford	56	43	4
Smith's Neck	56	37	7
West Falmouth	43	19	4

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford, 4th mo. 10th, 1915, in the west half of the meeting House.

Silence for a short period was followed by the reading of Acts 20: 1-32 by Carolyn S. Jones, who presided in the absence of the president, Myra M. Sipple.

The report of the secretary was then read and approved, and the reports from the Bible Schools were also read.

The president then called upon Mary Emma Hoxsie and Mary B. Satury to act as a committee to present names of officers for the ensuing year.

Ida W. Emmons, of Bridgewater, Mass. was next introduced by the president. She gave a very interesting talk on, Social Life combined with the Religious Work of the Sunday School. The hints which the speaker offered in regard to the successful carrying out of this phase of Sunday School work were thought and practical. A few may be mentioned here, - the organization of the class; suitable games for the social meetings; post-cards and scrap books prepared for the children's hospitals; flowers and little paper boxes of dainties carried to the sick and shut-in; and comfort pockets made from clippings, especially those culled from our Sunday School calendars. One point which was carefully brought out was, - teaching the child reverence for the House of God, and that he may have a happy and enjoyable time and yet not be noisy or conduct himself in a manner which is out of keeping with the place. The teachers were urged to give the children little services of love to perform in the Sunday School. Also to remind the children in some way, perhaps by a postcard, that their absence from Sunday School was felt and regretted.

Emma J. Totty spoke of our being not only our brothers' keepers, but our children's keepers. She commented briefly on children's reading.

Carolyn S. Jones, lately returned from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, called the attention of the Conference

to the necessity of vocal prayer, also the importance of teaching children the lives of some of the Quaker Saints. She recommended a book written by L. Violet Hodgkin entitled "Book of Quaker Saints", which is interesting to children and adults.

Miss Dr. Macomber and Erma J. Totah were chosen to fill the offices of President & secretary respectively.

The Conference adjourned to meet 3rd day 5th, 1st. mo. 1919, if the Lord permit.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Howland Tripp.

Statistical Report of Schools.

	Membership	Av. Attendance	Classes.
Acushnet	no report		
Allen's Neck	16	5 8	7
Central Village	41	30	6
East Mattapoisett	no report		
New Bedford	56	21	4
Smith's Neck	63	31	7
West Falmouth	—	13	—

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich
[illegible] was held in New Bedford, 1st mo.
[illegible] in the west hall of the Meeting House.
After a short period of silence the
meeting was opened by the reading of
Ex. 19 verses 3-6; 2 Timothy 2: 1-15 and
2 Timothy 3: 14-17 by the President Marie W.
[illegible].

In the absence of the secretary Erminia
[illegible] it was the pleasure of the meeting
to appoint Julia [illegible] to act during
the remainder of the year as secretary pro. tem.

The reports of the last Conference and
of the Bible Schools were read and approved
by the Meeting.

The President next introduced M. Carleton Wood
of [illegible] who spoke on "Historical Settings
of Lessons for the next Quarter," his main object
being to prove that Mt Sinai was not situated
in the west half of the Sinaitic Peninsula.
The two reasons which tended to prove that
the present site was the correct one were, 1st.
the tradition of the Monks of Egypt who
placed it there in the 4th century and 2nd.
they are the highest mountain peaks in the
Peninsula.

The people advanced to Mt Sinai
at first which were as follows: 1st The west part
of the Sinaitic Peninsula was owned by Egypt and
actually the Egyptians [illegible] to escape from the
[illegible] of Egypt would not settle in that region.
They were bound for Palestine and would go
[illegible] direction. 3 There is no regulation to
support such a large embassy. 4 The location
of the places are not easily found. 5. Mt Seir
could not be placed as they are S. E. and the same
[illegible] Mt Sinai were a volcano.

The argument and address was closed
with the story of the journey to Egypt when
a little more than 2 years of age as a typical
example of God's [illegible] and His own
[illegible].

The President then introduced Alice C. Wood who spoke on "Planning of the Cradle Roll" She spoke of the ... ...ency literature being put out by the Congregational Board as being well adapted for Cradle Roll Work. The ... shown at first were as follows.

"Our Dear away Friends" for Primary Work.

"Little Tokens of the Lord" for Juniors, and

"10 minute Programs on Congregational Hymns" for the Intermediate, including lessons with each set. The second part of lessons included Lesson Pictures with diagrams to be cut out and put together to form an Easter Basket, and the Lesson Weekly put out by the Sunday Meeting Board. The growth of the Cradle Roll from its earliest organization to the present was traced. Under "Church Social" was spoken of as bringing forward two influences at Training Church Love, & Training of workers. The Cradle Roll reaches the family and the Home Department may be used to reach the family which does not come out. The Cradle Roll trains socially, intellectually and morally; and gives a knowledge of Jesus Christ. The close closed with the admonition that although the Cradle Roll has improved it was the duty of every teacher to make them better than at the present time. Mrs. Goddard told of the good done by the Cradle Roll at Chatham Port. Miss H. Macomber spoke of the work for Fairhaven. Cradle Roll at New Bedford at present. Rebecca Taber spoke a few words relative to the duties of the teachers and Mrs. Ford told of how a discontented district in Plainville was cleaned up by a good Cradle Roll.

The Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford, ...

Statistical Report of Schools.

	Number of Scholars	Average Attendance	Number of Teachers
[illegible]	no report		
[illegible]	57	45	1
[illegible]	48	29	1
[illegible]	30	20	1
[illegible]	25	15	1
[illegible]	53	31	1
[illegible]	no report		

The R.I.H.C. School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Durham 4th mo. 9th 1919.

After a short period of silence the meeting was opened by the reading of the Philippians by the President Meric W. Macomber and prayer was offered following the Scripture reading.

The reports of the last Conference and of the Bible Schools were read and shown by the meeting. The President appointed Mary Emma Howland to carry a message of love and good will to Susan E. Thornton who is confined to her room by illness. Alvan C. Goddard and Ida Howland were appointed a nominating committee to bring in names of new officers for the ensuing year.

Tom L. Sykes of Portland, Maine was the speaker of the evening. He opened his remarks by quoting Ezra 3rd chap. 12th & 13th verses, about the dedication of a new temple and the rejoicings of the people over it. He said, "We are holding our own as regards members and that should cause rejoicing among us. Discouraged Christians are the greatest handicap that we have to work against. Rather should one be blindly optimistic. If we during the last few years are still holding our own many things are possible with the broader outlook which we are obtaining. The lack of vision is also a serious handicap. Don't limit your endeavors through discouragement. God will bless faithful Bible School teachers." The speaker told the story of what had been accomplished at the Forest Avenue meeting by workers who were faithful and who worked with a broader vision. Now following the World War there is a great opportunity

to carry the precious truths and give of the priceless heritage that has been given us. The speaker closed his address with the invitation to all of us to give ourselves so that much may be accomplished throughout the entire Yearly Meeting.

The report of the nominating committee was rendered and approved by the meeting, electing as president Lewis H. Brownell and as secretary Julia C. Hoxie.

After a few minutes of silence the Conference adjourned to meet on the 4th day of the Quarterly Meeting when next held at New Bedford, if the Lord permit

Respectfully submitted,
Smith Wood, Secy.

Statistical Report of Schools.

	Membership	Average Attendance	Classes
Acushnet	10	7	
Allen's Neck	90	52	8
Central Village	58	29	7
East Mattapoisett	37	23	4
New Bedford	54	20	5
Smith's Neck	45	32	7
West Falmouth	no report		

The Bible School Conference of Hendricks Quarterly Meeting was held on New Bedford Flat on 9th 1900.

Silence for a short period was followed by the reading of portions of Psalms 84 and 91 and all of 1st by the President. Prince M. Macomber and prayer was offered following the Scripture reading.

The reports of the last Conference and of the Bible Schools were read and ordered by the meeting. Alvan Goddard called attention to the fact that some Bible Schools have increased in membership.

The President informed the Meeting that as soon as the Conference was over, it was to be followed by an Evangelical Meeting. He also suggested the the Meeting at this time send a message of love and good cheer to Thomas Thomson. Alvan Goddard spoke of sending flowers and a card of good will to Oscar Thornton suggested that the thought be conveyed to him that the Meeting was praying for his early recovery. Many times had prayed for the Meeting. Lydia A. Potter made a motion that the officers of the Conference take charge of this matter, which was duly seconded and carried.

Afternoon session of above the Conference adjourned to meet with them, pro tem, if the Lord so will.

Respectfully submitted
Lucia C. M. Hart
Secretary.

Statistical Report of Schools

	Membership	Average Attendance	Classes
Acushnet	8	4.4	2
[illegible]	55	57	8
Central Village	40	33	7
East Mattapoisett	33	15	4
New Bedford	57	20	5
Smith's Neck	57	40	7
[illegible]	No report.		

Georgia B. Sipford, Sec.,
Allens Neck Bible School,
So. Westport, Mass.

Cynthia M. Tinney, Sec.
Bible School
East Mattapoisett, Mass.

~~Lois M. Tobie, Sec.~~ Sara Murfee Cook, Sec.,
Allens Neck Bible School,
New Bedford, Mass.
R.F.D. Route 4

~~Mabel E. Babb, Sec.~~ Mabel E. Macomber, Cor. Sec.
Central Village Bible School,
Westport, Mass.

Annie V. Wilbur, Sec.
Bible School Assistant
2344 Acushnet Av.
New Bedford, Mass.

West Falmouth Mrs. Lois Bowerman will give any information

Annie M. Macomber, Sec.
Bible School
Mill Street,
New Bedford, Mass.

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford Fourth Month 7th, 1920. The President opened the meeting by reading the 4th chapter of the First Epistle General of John, beginning at the 7th verse, after which prayer was offered. In the absence of the Secretary, the President read the usual reports, which were approved by the meeting.

George R. Hood and S. Flora Spare were appointed a committee to present names of officers for the ensuing year, but as the Friends they chose felt they were unable to accept the nomination, the matter was left in abeyance, with the understanding that those in office would continue to serve temporarily.

It was suggested that some message from the conference might bring cheer to our dear friend Susan T. Thompson, and the President was asked to write a note conveying the love and prayerful concern of all present.

After a few moments of silence the conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford in First Month, 1921, if the Lord permit.

Immediately after this adjournment, Robert H. Dann, Asst. Director of the New England Friends' activities, in connection with the Interchurch World Movement, spoke most interestingly on this subject, illustrating his talk by lantern slides. He was followed by the Rev. Willard O. Angum who gave a survey of the field right here in New Bedford, and emphasized the crying need that there is of intelligent and prayerful work within our own boundaries.

Marie H. Macomber
Acting Secretary.

(Over)

Statistical Report of Schools - 4th mo. 7- 1920.

	Membership	Average Attendance	Class
Acushnet	12	6	2
Allen's Neck	85	35	8
Central Village	54	29	7
East Mattapoisett	49	27	4
New Bedford	57	18	5
Smith's Neck	47	32	5
West Falmouth	No Report.		

Please send your Bible School Report for the Quarter ending March 31. 1923.

The Bible School Conference of the Sandwich Quarterly meeting will be held on April 11, 1923 at 7.30 P.M.

— — . — — — Expects to be present.

Hope as many as can will be present.

Very Sincerely

Secretary

The [illegible] Conference of Sunday School Workers Meeting was held in New Bedford last month, Tuesday, 1921. The President, Marie H. Macomber, opened the meeting by reading the scripture, selected by [illegible] which [illegible]

The reports of the [illegible] Conference and of the Bible Schools were read by the secretary and adopted by the meeting. Mary Emma Howland and Lucy J. Stafford were elected a nominating committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

[illegible] the Treasurer read a report which was [illegible] to show a [illegible] Standard [illegible] Society. A collection was taken [illegible] expenses of delegates [illegible] to Conference.

The nominating committee brought in the names of [illegible] for the [illegible] Conference to serve for the ensuing year.

[illegible] then introduced and [illegible] "Education," as follows; — "Religious Education cannot be defined for they are minds [illegible] to mean the Education we have of the Church, then it became a part of the State. Statistics proved from a Western state showed that the Bible exhibited [illegible] this shows the value of teaching religious [illegible] great problem of Religious Education which confronts us as Bible Schools and as a Society of Friends. 1st What is to be taught; 2nd What is the nature of the material with which we must work; 3rd What [illegible] shall we use;

"1st Our task is not to mould to [illegible] new [illegible] but to lead the [illegible] to live this side of the [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

of years they must be made more like God.

"2nd. Our material. We know something [illegible] the individual is a [illegible] and this gives scope. The [illegible] not only get but keep the attention of the child by centering that attention upon an ideal.

"3rd. The method. Teach positive religious truths, [illegible] God and mankind, in everyday life and experiences; and by the example of your life win the respect of the child. Do not build on a negative basis but give a child wholesome [illegible] Teachers is limited but give facts that will lead the child to a Christian life. 96% of the [illegible] from Church on Christians before they are twenty-five years of age; 4% after. Wouldn't it be well to spend our energies on those under the age limit; that 4% to keep them from needing conversion? In short, a Preventative Salvation. Christian education is for which the Church and School should stand; and thereby build a living society that shall last as long as the world endures."

The President introduced Elder Wills who added a few remarks on "Mistakes of the Bible School." He thought teachers were apt to dwell upon the geographical and mathematical side of Biblical events, instead of the Spiritual. "Train on Truth on the individuals side and one on God's side, should be the aim of the good Bible School Teacher.

Oscar Mostrum thought teachers would differ in their methods but all should be guided by the Great Teacher, and seek [illegible] After the closing prayer the Conference adjourned to meet in two Sections at 2 p.m. if the need permit.

	new.	old	Classes
[illegible]	1	40	4
[illegible]	15	51	8
Zion Valley	47	29	5
Beaverford	48	18	3
Smith's Neck	60	45	5
Delmar	No report.		

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Smith Wood,
Secretary.

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford Fourth month 13th. 1921

As the President E. Flora Spare was unable to attend Maria H. Macomber opened the Conference by reading the 12th Chap. of Romans.

The Epistle of the last Conference and of the Bible Schools were read by the Secretary and approved by the meeting.

An interesting letter from Elsie E. Sodaro was read by the President telling of his work in Germany.

A motion was made that the President send a letter to Elsie Sodaro and that Mrs. Macomber take a message of love from the Conference to Elsie T. Thompson.

The President then introduced Edna Mills from the Allen's Neck Meeting. After reading from the fifth Chapter of Matthew he gave as the subject of his talk "Bible School Responsibility."

During the year, while in the Seminary we were told by the Professors continually that we were entering a new era, that when the great conflict was over better conditions would exist. Slavery and Christianity could not exist together, Christianity and War could not exist together; they told us men and nations were finally to be at peace, that men who never paid any attention to religion were be flocking to the Churches after the war closed.

What has come with the new era? Men are now so selfish, so determined to be free from constraint. The masses are flocking to the Movies, Theatres and all places of pleasure. Is this the Spiritual storm that was foretold? Never has the thrill of pleasure held the young as now. Many new Bible Schools and Churches as Sylvan Heights are entering all kinds of business rather than the ministry.

It is time the Church awakened to its responsibility for the Church faces a greater crisis than the Church during the Civil War since the war began.

We as Church Men and Women should seek diligently, prayerfully and sincerely to create in more a desire for better life and Church principles.

The Bible School or Church School is the first body

guard of the organization, the main education factor, now & the Church powers. The world is crying for power, there will never be more power, it is what we get out of it. Power is a potential thing and if we need more God reveals to us how to get it. All power is divine Some ignore, others devote to the full the power given them.

The power which lies latent in the Bible School, unless developed has fallen short of its mission.

Bible school work is kept alive many times because many feel it a duty laid upon them, ~~God~~ it is not for us to keep the school alive, but to give life and keep the people alive. The results have been disappointing and we often wonder why the boy or girl does not want to go to Bible school after they reach their teens. One trouble is we have taught Bible stories and not Bible truths. The Bible story is a matter of memory, the Bible truth is turned into life. The Christian religion is not how much of the Bible you know but how much of the truths you have taken into your life.

The Bible school and Church carry a tremendous responsibility from the side of its ministry today. The Minister gets his first training in the Bible School.

Oscar Mastrom then spoke on the great necessity of teaching Bible truths in our Bible schools.

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Bible School Reports for Quarter ending 3/31/1921

	Membership	Av. Attendance	Classes
Amesbury	No report.		
Bland Rock	93	63	7
Central Village	74	59	7
East Methuen	38	34	5
New Bedford	47	18	3
Smiths Rock	52	45	8
West Falmouth	No report.		

Respectfully submitted,
Emma M. Almy, Secretary.

*The Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford first month Eleventh, 1922 if the Lord permit.

The Bible School Conference of Dunnings Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford fifth month, eleventh 1922.

The President opened the meeting by reading selections from the Scriptures and something written by our dear friend Susan T. Thompson, thoughtfully given to Friends by Elizabeth T. Price.

Prayer was offered by Alonzo C. Goddard.

The reports of the last Conference and the quarterly reports of the various Bible Schools of this Quarterly Meeting for the year just closed, were read by the Secretary and approved by the meeting.

Lois Bowerman told why no report was received from West Falmouth. It is mainly because the children attend the Bible School of the Congregational Church in Falmouth.

Julia Akin gave a short, interesting report of the growth of the Smiths Neck Bible School.

The President appointed Elizabeth Price and Annie Eur a nominating Committee to bring in names of officers for the ensuing year.

The President then introduced Tom H. Jones from Portland.

He first spoke of the interest many outsiders were taking in our meetings, and ready to help if approached in the right manner.

The topic of his talk was "The place and action of the Bible School in the Meeting."

Our Bible Schools have suffered from being detached from the work of the meeting. Do not store up the young minds with text and date from the Bible, but give time also in molding the young lives. We have learned in our work that God has placed power and talents at our disposal that will produce desired results in many ways. Our duty today is not to make Quakers but to produce good men and women.

The leadership of the Nazarene was a religious leadership. Jesus showed mercy to all and said "Go thou and do likewise." Christ recognized early that he must do his Father's business. He knew he must meet with opposition, but did not falter.

The great cause of collision was because he talked of all peoples as being under the care of the Heavenly Father. Spiritually, many have the characteristics of the Jews.

One of the battle things of the Bible School of Friends has always been the care of the minority. The movement in America of Bible schools is, that there has been too little of linking up of the Bible schools with the meetings, but the Bible school should be one of the greatest mediums for keeping up the meetings, Spiritually through the prayers and devotion of some consecrated teacher. Some special appeal made by such a teacher has brought and kept members in the meeting. Instead of letting up on Bible school work since the war, we must put every effort into the work, the religious education of manhood is vital.

We, as Friends, have one of the greatest opportunities because we keep our hands clean and works for suffering humanity. We carried the message of love and help to all Nations, We were compelled to go the first mile, now it is easy to start on the second. Since the war, life is more than argument. If you are going to do what must has been done the Bible School must do it. We must put our time, energy and money into the work, not God wants you, not your money, No one is ashamed of the standard the Quakers live up to. Our Bible School work is the key note to the future, We must build now. We are looking eagerly, expectantly to that new day when the world will be made safe for democracy to safeguard the world, a better day for its children and children's children. We are facing the fact that the millions of the world need the Message Christ gives them.

John McCrea "In Flanders Field" says -

"Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders Field."

I think we should accept the challenge of McCrea and take up the torch. Thank God our President and the United States are the first to take up the torch in the Disarmament Conference, but the world must have a New heart and Spirit,

be from again, before we again have Bible Schools must teach the Bible truths it makes our work safe. The Bible School has first place in the meeting and must give truth to shape and fashion the future life.

Oscar Mostrom and Howard Goddard felt the Bible School a most important factor of the meeting - that the minister is looked upon as a leader more than is intended. Each pupil in the Bible School could do much in the works for good. *

The Nominating Committee then brought in the names of Arnold C. Mosier for President and Alice K. Tripp for Secretary for the ensuing year. Approved by the Conference.

After a short silence the Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford fourth month 12th if the Lord permit.

Respectfully submitted
Emma M. Allen, Secretary

Statistical Report of Bible Schools in Quarterly Meeting for quarter ending 12. month 31. 1921.

	Membership -	No. Att.	Classes	Active Teachers	Collection.
Acushnet	11	6	2		$21.00
Allens Neck	78	46	7	13	
Central Village	72	55		11	70.69
Mattakonett	41	33	5	6	10.00
New Bedford	41	18	3	8	45.00
Smiths Neck	56	41		10	167.26

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held in New Bedford, fourth month, twelfth, 1922.

After a period of silence, the President, J. Arnold Wright, read the 23rd Psalm.

The Secretary read the report of the last Conference and the reports from the Bible Schools for the Quarter ending 3rd mo., 31st, 1922. These reports were received by the Conference, and the Secretary was instructed to place them on record.

The President then introduced Edgar H. Stranahan who said that 28 years before on that night, he and his bride were traveling the train [illegible] a thunderstorm.

Before starting his address, the speaker said that having conducted classes at the New Bedford Community School for Religious Education, and then being asked to speak at the Conference, he feared that the result might be like that in the story of the darky and the gunpowder. A darky entered a store and asked to purchase some gunpowder. When the gunpowder was brought to him he asked if it was fresh and if he might smell of it. The [illegible] some into his hand, and smelling of it said, "I'll take some shot off before."

Edgar H. Stranahan said, "There are things that make for the success of the Sunday School. It is of tremendous importance that we know success:-

1st,- in the average attendance.
2nd,- in the matter of offerings.

Sunday School work is a big thing before us as Christian people. Unless we throw the interest and energy into home work, the foreign mission work must start. The important thing in home mission work is Sunday School work. To secure adequate returns on our investments. The dividends are only usually greater than the dividends in any other department of the church. The Sunday School is a branch of the church. It is the department of the church which is the best fitted to reach the whole community. Every last man, woman and child is within reach of the Sunday School. The Sunday School finds the child at birth, [illegible] him on the

cradle roll and stays with him until he is too old and feeble to attend. The church often plans its work and programme for adults and leaves out the whole range of children and young people.

There is the whole field of Religious Education. Nineteen out of twenty Jews, three out of four Catholics, and two out of three Protestants are without any kind of religious education. Over twenty-five million under twenty-one years of age, in the United States, are without any kind of religious training. The problem is gigantic. In order to make the Sunday School succeed, it must be on a financial basis. There are going to be bills ahead of us. The children of Jesus Christ must face the task. We must have a very much enlarged scope, not only Sunday, but every day. Our whole scope of life must be enlarged. We should have Weekly Educational Bible schools. We simply must make good.

There are things to take under consideration.

1st - The child must be the centre of the Sunday School. The need of the child is the law of the school. We must consider the lessons, the lesson helps, and the equipment of the school. In many instances the best room in the Sunday school buildings are taken by the adults; the children being assigned to the basement where the rooms are dark, dingy, damp rooms, besides being poorly heated and ventilated! Look carefully into your own situation, - into the matter of lessons. Ignore the Uniform lessons. Use something else. See whether the needs are suited to the children.

2nd, - For Sunday School success we must have a teacher who knows how to teach boys and girls rather than a subject. Teach the Bible. The child should be the centre. The Bible is for the child not the child for the Bible. The enrollment seems to keep right up until the twelfth year. At fifteen, there is a little drop, at eighteen, a big drop. One of the reasons is, we are trying to teach them that which is not food for them. There is no excuse for Sunday School's not having graded lessons. We must have the pupil clearly in mind. We must know what we are driving at. We must have a purpose, an idea, an ideal. We must have a baptism of real spiritual life in the Sunday School and Church problem.

We must be about our Father's business. The Sunday School is a big business.

The Sunday School is —

Primarily to bring boys and girls, men and women to Jesus Christ. Any Sunday School that does not have this in its programme, had no reasonable excuse for existence.

In the second place, — the Sunday School should bring those who are brought to Christ into the Church.

In the third place, — the purpose of the Sunday School is to train that life and make it serve Christ and the Church.

Fourth, and last, — We should be willing to pay the price. We must pay the price in dollars and cents. We should have Community Schools, Week Day Schools of Religious Education, and Daily Vacation Bible Schools. We should send our teachers to conferences. This all means an expenditure of money. It is time for us to realize if we are to keep anywhere near in step with this work that it will need strength, energy, time, and money. Remember that there is a crying need for Sunday School workers. The need of the child is the law of the successful Sunday School. There must be a devotion of life and a recommitment of money to the task of our Lord and Saviour." *

Respectfully submitted,
Alice A. Sipp, Secretary.

Statistical Report of Bible Schools in Sandwich Quarterly Meeting for the quarter Ending 3rd mo. 31, 1922.

	Membership	Av. Attend.	Classes	Officers & Teachers	Coll. for #
Acushnet	10	5+	2	3	
Allen's neck	94	64	8	13	*49.02
Central Village	117	56			64.43
Marion Mattapoisett	54	38	5	7	11.44
New Bedford	40	20	4	9	
Smith's Neck	70	42	9	11	29.22

The Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford, first month, tenth, 1923, if the Lord permit.

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held at New Bedford, first month, tenth, 1923.

Following a short period of silence, the President, J. Arnold Wright, opened the Conference by reading the 4th Psalm. Prayer was offered by Alvano C. Goddard.

The Secretary then read the report of the last Conference and as many reports from the Bible Schools as had been received, for the Quarter Ending twelfth month 31, 1922. Information pertaining to two of the Bible Schools was furnished by Friends in attendance at the Conference. The report of the last Conference was accepted and the Secretary was instructed to add to the reports of the Bible Schools any reports which might be received later.

The nominating committee, Ida S. Tripp, Emma M. Almy and Mary Emma Howland, reported as follows:- For President,- Alice Gardner; for Secretary, Nannie Cease. The Conference gave its approval.

The President introduced Charles W. Wesner of the Fall River Meeting who gave a very helpful and instructive talk. He said, in part, that in order to interpret the life of Jesus Christ to the pupil that the teacher must live near to Jesus Christ and must himself be a student of the New Testament. Jesus did not write of his life or tell anybody else to write such an account. It was twenty or thirty years after the resurrection before anything was written about Jesus and by that time, many of the disciples had died. Paul was the first to write. His epistles contained the first interpretation of the life of Jesus. The Epistle to the Romans carries its own convictions of the truth. Every Christian has the same experience in his own life.

No one knows the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews. Some think Paul was its author, but the speaker did not think that he was.

The Gospels give the real life of Christ. The Gospel of Mark is the oldest. Mark was a young man who was a friend of St. Peter. He tells of the miracles of Jesus. The story is told in the fewest words - so that you can understand it.

Matthew wrote with a different purpose in view. He wished to persuade people who had not known Christ to accept Him. In his gospel, we find the Sermon

on the Mount. This was a splendid interpretation of the teaching of Jesus to the common people. The gospel was not for a few people, but for everyone.

St. Luke in his Gospel, gave a correct and ordered account of the life of Christ. The important things in this gospel were Jesus' works and teachings. He put great emphasis on Jesus as a healer not of bodies alone or of mental diseases, but especially, in regard to the spiritual life. It is inspirational.

St. John's Gospel was, perhaps, written last, at a time when he was close to ninety years old. His message was out of the fullness of his heart. He was the only Apostle who died a natural death. Charles Brenner considers the Gospel of John the finest interpretation of the Master of all the Gospels.

There is nothing worth while, unless it costs something. It costs a great deal of time and effort to interpret the life of Jesus Christ as we find it in the New Testament. We must study until we know the Master as he lived. It need not to be thought that it was easy to teach a Sunday School Class. Now we are more modest. It is not true that anyone can teach the Bible. We cannot take a quarterly, look it over for 10 minutes, read the headings and have a successful session. It won't work. The secret of our failure is that we do not know enough.

We must take the Bible School as seriously as possible. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Annie M. Goddard then spoke of the Word of God as true, different, vital and alive. She said, "We should put ourselves in the place where we can receive the message of God and give it out because we have Christ as a part of us. We must live it, we must tell it. Then it will be clear that we have fulfilled Christ's purpose."

Abram C. Goddard said that the Bible School teacher, using the Word as subject matter, lays the great foundation work of the ministry. Many are lead to Christ by the Bible School teacher, rather, than the minister.

Pastors committee to nominate a clerk for the Sunday School, remain with the people, ready to be laid aside upon the duty of Spirit.

After a short silence, the Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford, fourth month, eleventh, 1923, if the Lord permit.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice H. Tripp, Secretary.

Statistical Report of the Bible Schools in Dartmouth Quarterly Meeting for the Quarter ending 12 month 31, 1922.

	Membership	Av. Attend	Classes	Officers & teachers	Collections
Dartmouth:					
Allen's Neck	144	58.5	8	13	117.88
Central Village	102	54.7			35.54
New Bedford	43	21	4	8	
Smith's Neck					

The Bible School Conference of [illegible] Meting was held in the Bedford Fourth Month, eleventh, 192[illegible]

After a short period of silence the President, Alice Gardner opened the conference by reading the twelfth chapter of Romans. Prayer was offered by Edward C. Goddard. The Secretary then read the report of the last conference and as many reports of the Bible School as had been received for the quarter ending 3mo. 31, 1923.

The speaker of the evening was C. Herschel Folger. He said he had been called upon to say something on the subject of prohibition sometime during the Quarterly Meeting sessions, and perhaps this was the best time to do so. The great discussion at the present time is whether Prohibition prohibits or whether it doesn't.

There is no question about there being a great deal of drunkenness, but, on the other hand, there are some facts, in the way of statistics, which demonstrate beyond a doubt the good that is being done in Massachusetts. And these statistics show that drunkenness has vastly decreased. All of these things are encouraging, but watchfulness is ever needed in this as in other reforms. [illegible] was met by a newspaper man who was asking him why [illegible] published all the violations of the law, and he explained it in this way:— A thousand Christian men walking down the street, attending to their own affairs, is not "news." We expect that, but if a bootlegger goes into a town and sells a lot of "moonshine," that is news. We are to hear the argument of "personal liberty." Personal liberty does not give a man the privilege of making a beast of himself and selling his manhood.

Personal liberty means that a wife has the right to a husband who is a man, that children have the right to live in a home where there is a father they can respect— personal liberty means that a man has the privilege of living his life to the best interests of the community where he resides.

Continuing, he said what he had on his mind might seem a little strange, particularly after listening to the report of the last conference, at which the talk was along such different lines, but that, nevertheless, he had a real concern, about which he wanted to talk.

He said we often hear that Friends are too wrapped up in themselves, and he wondered if these were not criticisms we should take to heart and see if it really applied. He went on to discuss the connection of juvenile crime with the Sunday School. He spoke of the wave of crime that has been sweeping over the country, and said that all of the crime being committed was started when the perpetrators were boys and girls. Of course there are a great many who are physically or mentally defective; then the environment is one of the greatest influences and the two important factors in tracing crime are the home and "the gang." He told the story of the dangerous cliff at the bottom of which an ambulance was formerly stationed to pick up and care for those who had fallen over its edge, whereas now it is considered the better way to build a fence around the cliff and prevent the fall.

One of the most important things is to study boys and girls and prevent, so far as possible, these tragedies coming into their lives. He said we might feel all this did not concern us, but that it does concern us, nevertheless. He spoke of the number of misdemeanors committed on Sunday, of the appalling ignorance of the

Bible which he sees demonstrated on every hand, and he wondered if the good people who did the teaching in our Bible Schools could not be more sincere, more real, more fundamental about things and make Christ a reality to the children. We thought we all ought to be concerned about the way we live - that we should live so we may set an example, and that we should have a real interest in every boy and girl with whom we come in contact. The children are watching us more keenly than we think and all the talking and teaching we can do will be of no avail unless we show by our example that we believe and practice what we say. Let us try a little harder that they may see the Gospel approved in us. Let us try to put the spirit of Christ into every undertaking, particularly into the Sunday School, where the work is so important, remembering that it was the Lord, Himself, who said:

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

After a short silence the Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford First month, ninth, 1924 if the Lord permit.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah J. Pease, Clk.

Statistical Report of First Schools in Sandwich Quarterly Meeting for quarter ending 3mo, 31, 1924.

	Membership.	Av. attendance.	Classes.	Officers Teachers.	Collection.
Acushnet	no report.				
Allen's Neck	108	66			$42.40
Central Village	100	53.3		9	60.12
Mattapoisett	55	43	8	5	17.62
New Bedford	40	17	3	7	
Smith's Neck	72	37.2	7	13	

The Bible School Conference of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting was held at New Bedford first month, ninth, 1924. After a few moments of silent waiting upon the Lord the president read the third chapter of the Epistle of James after which prayer was offered by Abram Goddard.

The report of the secretary was read and approved. The reports of the different Bible Schools were read and accepted.

Charles E. Reprogle from Nebraska Central College gave a very interesting talk on their work. He tried to impress upon us the importance of teaching the truths of the Bible in our Bible Schools. Of the great responsibility the teacher has who, for a number of years, has the privilege of moulding the child spiritually. He blamed not only the parents but the teachers for our young people leaving the Friends Society for other churches. He believed if in the home and Bible School the truths had been instilled in the children's minds they would always remain Friends.

Mary Reprogle paid a beautiful tribute to Charles Messner's mother which made us glad to have the son of such a beautiful Christian woman with us.

After a short silence the Conference adjourned to meet in New Bedford, fourth month, ninth, 1924, if the Lord permit.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah J. Pease, Sec.

Statistical Report of Bible Schools in Dartmouth Quarterly Meeting for Quarter ending 12th month, 31, 1923.

	Membership	Attendance	Classes	Teachers & Officers	Collection
Acushnet					
Allen's Neck		73			$53.18
Central Village		55		9	$47.17
Mattapoisett		11	7	8	
New Bedford	42	19	4	8	
Smith's Neck	53	35	8	12	$2 86

The Bible School Conference of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was held at New Bedford Fourth month 9th, 1924.

The Conference opened with the singing of the hymn, "He leadeth me", after which the President, Alice Tuttle Gardner, read the 2nd chapter of I Corinthians. Prayer was then offered by Alvano C. Goddard. The report of the last Conference was read + approved and the report of the Bible Schools was read.

Henry Cadbury gave a most interesting and helpful discussion on, "Making the New Testament Real." Among other things, he said the New Testament should be read as a book, or a collection of books,- read the book as a whole and see the underlying purpose and behind the book, real persons. Read the Bible as an ordinary book and it will soon become the most extraordinary book. It is important to know the book you are trying to teach; know the author - make the persons in the narrative live; understand their social laws, about travel in those times and about their occupations. Children have a strong realistic sense. Make the narrative real. The teacher must supply some local color or back-ground. Moral and intellectual integrity is essential. For ourselves and older students do not be in too much of a hurry to apply. Try to let the New Testament speak for itself. Understand it in its own setting - don't force it to answer our questions. Henry Cadbury said most impressively that the Bible School Teacher must above all understand, like and value the New Testament.

The meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

[illegible], J. Rose (a.), Sec.

The Bible School Conference of Sandusky Lutheran Synod was held January 7, 1925.

The Conference was opened with "Christ ist Erstanden," after which the Twenty-first Psalm was read by the Secretary. Prayer was offered by Rev. Yaeger.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the reports from the Schools and Societies were duly received.

Rev. Yaeger read a paper to the Conference.

"The Bible School Conference of Sandusky Lutheran Synod, meeting in its 20th annual session, and realizing more especially the responsibility resting upon the Lutheran Church to continue its work in the Bible School, and to train pupils to become active, consecrated workers in the Church, and

Bertha Smith gave a talk on the topic "How to secure Training." How can we get and keep our pupils. She suggested that the Bible School Conference, if possible to have it on the Sunday School hour.

Other papers were read which were followed by remarks in regards the continuance of the Conference but no action was taken.

The President then declared the Conference adjourned.

Alice Hoffman.
Sec.

Membership	Classes	Att.	Teachers	Collections
Men's Bible	56	62		72.10
[illegible]	115	11 64.2		
[illegible]		7 42	7	17.11
[illegible]	12	5	1	
[illegible]	64	26	11	

The Bible School Convention of Saginaw Quarterly Meeting was held April 7, 1925.

The Conference was opened by Mrs. [illegible] reading the 5th Chapter of Corinthians and special prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and the Secretary was ordered to write letters.

Membership	Classes	Att.	Teachers	Collections
Men's Bible	13	42		57.65
Ladies' Bible	18	64		15.11
Juniors		34		3.42
Boys 13 and 21		13	7	

Elton's Bible School reported the organization as a Sunday School in name only and to keep it going, but to help people from going.

"Religion in the soul can not, like a contagious disease, be caught, but must be taught."

"Don't have Sunday School like a Saturday ball game. Don't sing "gospel songs" hymns. Use hymns."

"Holy Holy Holy
Help us Ages Past."

The Quarterly Meeting expenses were paid by the Conference.

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With Conferences

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE,
Spring Street, New Bedford, Mass.,
Fourth Month, Thirteenth and Fourteenth,
1910

FOURTH DAY, 4th Mo., 13th

2.00 p. m. Meeting of Ministry and Oversight.
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

4.00 p. m. Conference.
Address: "Personal Evangelism"
Murray S. Kenworthy, Lynn.
Address: "Present Tendencies Among the Younger Friends" L. Oscar Moon, Fall River.
General Discussion.

7.30 p. m. Bible School Conference.
Opening Exercises.
Minutes of Last Meeting.
Report of Bible Schools.
Address: "The Business of the Bible School"
Wilbur K. Thomas, Y. M. B. S. Supt., Boston.
Address: "A Forward Step"
Ellen A. Winslow, Y. M. B. S. Field Worker, Springfield.
General Discussion.

FIFTH DAY, 4th Mo., 14th.

10.00 a.m. Young People's Meeting.
Led by Wilbur K. Thomas, Boston.

11.00 a.m. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.
Followed by Business Meeting.